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New venture

Actress Joan Collins displays her first novel Prime Time at a private party in London. Collins was presented with a cheque for \$7,000, which was raised by a book club. The money will go towards treating young brain-damaged patients at a clinic in UK.

Clemency

MANAMA, May 5, (UPI): King Fahd of Saudi Arabia granted clemency yesterday to an Anglo-Irish couple convicted of murdering an Irish nurse, to mark the end of the holy month of fasting and prayer called Ramadan, Arab sources said.

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LONDON, May 5, (Reuters): Britain ordered the expulsion of three members of the South African embassy today in response to Pretoria's alleged involvement in espionage against Northern Irish extremists.

Highway deal

SEOUL, May 5, (AP): Hyundai Construction and Engineering Co., the country's largest construction company, said yesterday it has agreed to build a highway in Kuwait.

Air turbulence

NINETEEN passengers and seven crew members who sustained minor injuries due to air turbulence on a routine Lufthansa Kuwait-Frankfurt flight have been released from hospital, according to Peter W. Fellingner, Lufthansa's passenger sales manager, Kuwait.

Strike ends

ISLAMABAD, May 5, (KUNA): All internal and foreign flights of Pakistan airlines were resumed yesterday, after airline pilots ended their 3-week long partial strike to press for higher wages and better working conditions.

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Conflict over PLO charter

Arafat opposed: call for referendum

DAMASCUS, May 5, (Agencies): A Palestinian leader said today the majority of Palestinians opposed PLO chief Yasser Arafat's view that the PLO charter was obsolete and called for a referendum by all Palestinians on the issue.

George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), told Reuters in an interview if Arafat wanted to abandon the charter he should quit the PLO.

"I say very clearly that if Arafat considers the PLO charter null and void or out of date or obsolete he should go and search for another organisation because the Palestinian people would not abandon their charter."

"Hundreds of people have been martyred to protect the organisation's charter and we are responsible for those people. We should not betray them," he said.

In other developments

■ US Congressional panel voted 10-0 on Thursday to approve a bill that would bar US contributions to the United Nations or affiliates that grant full membership to the PLO. The action followed an application by the PLO for membership in the World Health Organisation.

■ Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said on Wednesday his peace plan involves annexing land settled by 200,000 to 300,000 Palestinians, but offered new concessions if the Palestinians accept Israel's elections proposal. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said even a formal change in the Palestinian charter would not bring Israel to negotiations with PLO head Yasser Arafat.

■ Jewish settlers and Palestinians fought in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip on Thursday in increasing civilian violence after two Israelis were stabbed to death in downtown Jerusalem.

■ Mourners on Thursday buried two elderly Jews attacked by a Palestinian in the centre of Jerusalem, and in the West Bank town of Hebron tension rose following renewed confrontations between settlers and Arabs.

■ The Israeli Army said on Thursday it would punish four officers for their part in the killing of five Palestinians during a West Bank raid and Jewish settlers and Arabs fought in the occupied territories in increasing civilian violence.

■ Meanwhile in a Jerusalem court, military prosecutors identified prominent Palestinian Sari Nusseibeh as an activist in the Palestinian uprising.

PLO faction trained Danes inside Syria

COPENHAGEN, May 5, (UPI): Several members of a group of 11 Danes detained on charges of murder, armed robbery, kidnapping and providing funds to Palestinian commandos, received military and political training in Syria, Danish police said yesterday.

"Several of those who have been arrested received their training in Palestinian camps in Syria," said detective inspector Kurt Olsen of the Copenhagen grand theft squad.

Olsen, who would not elaborate, said members of the group — who are all Danish nationals — were "fanatics and highly political." He added they had refused to speak to police detectives since their arrest two weeks ago.

Olsen was speaking 24 hours after Danish police stumbled onto a cache of weapons and explosives in a case connected to a string of unsolved armed bank robberies which police allege provided funds for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Olsen said the arsenal found consisted of 26 Swedish Mini-man anti-tank missiles, 100 kilos of plastic explosives, 62 hand grenades, 12 anti-tank mines, 30 anti-personnel mines and a "large assortment" of machine guns, pistols and other automatic weapons.

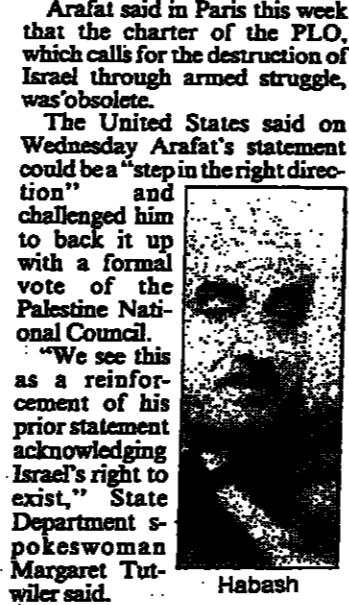
Five men were arrested and remanded in custody Wednesday night in connection with the illegal armory and their links to an ongoing case in which five other men are in custody charged with six major unsolved armed robberies.

The group has also been charged under paragraph 114 of the Danish Penal Code for allegedly sending the proceeds from armed robberies to the PFLP for whom police say they carried out the thefts.

Police were alerted to the arsenal on Tuesday during cleaning-up operations following a car accident at Birkeroed, 20 kms (13 miles) north of the capital.

In the vehicle, whose driver was still in intensive care yesterday, police found several effects leading them to a flat near Copenhagen airport.

The car also contained part of the booty from a major armed robbery at Copenhagen's main post office last November in which thieves killed a police officer and made away with 10 million kroner (\$1.4 million).



Habash

Arafat said in Paris this week that the charter of the PLO, which calls for the destruction of Israel through armed struggle, was obsolete.

The United States said on Wednesday Arafat's statement could be a "step in the right direction" and challenged him to back it up with a formal vote of the Palestine National Council.

"We see this as a reinforcement of his prior statement acknowledging Israel's right to exist," State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said.

She said a decision by the Palestine National Council, "formally amending or abrogating the charter would be the kind of action we would certainly applaud."

Habash said the resolutions adopted by the Palestine National Council (parliament in exile) in Algiers last year contradicted Arafat.

"These PNC resolutions did not recognise Israel's right to exist, did not call for ending armed struggle against Israel from the northern border..." he said.

Habash called for a referendum among all Palestinian people to ask them whether they supported the Arafat view.

"I accept a referendum among all our Palestinian people inside and outside Palestine, not only in the West Bank and Gaza, to ask them whether they accept any change or amendment in the PLO charter and I am sure that our people are against any such move," Habash said.

In Damascus, the PFLP-GC spokesman appealed to Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and Palestinians everywhere to ensure continuation of the revolt against Israeli rule in the occupied territories.

Arafat said on Wednesday that Arab nations led by Egypt should prepare a Middle East peace conference if Israel refused to come to the negotiating table.

■ Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has no plans to meet Arafat, British officials said yesterday.

Razor - sharp performance

Archie Talley, a former star basketball player at Salem College in West Virginia, shaves while a basketball rotates on the end of a razor as he entertains students at a junior high school. The demonstration was part of a youth appreciation week presentation. (Reuter wirephoto)

Social affairs ID cancelled

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

KUWAIT'S Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al Ahmad has cancelled the social affairs identity card, better known as "sha'oun hawaiya", for expatriates working in the private sector, it was announced Thursday.

The social affairs ID card was issued to all employed expatriates in the private sector.

A ministerial decision was issued cancelling the social ID. No reasons for the cancellation were given.

The minister also abolished the administrative departments issuing the ID card; employees from these departments will be absorbed in other departments at the ministry, the decision stated.

At present civil ID cards are considered the official identification for expatriates in both the government and private sector. The use of

civil ID cards has also cut down on the paper work required for renewing vehicle registration, driving licences and processing other official documents.

The data gathered for civil ID cards are now considered sufficient to study population structure and other factors, and the population census, which was being held every five years, will now be held every 10 years. The next census, due in 1990, may now be held in 1995.



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Dispute emerges over Beirut truce

W. German held hostage

BEIRUT, May 5, (Agencies): Syrian and Druze gunners shelled the coast of Lebanon's Christian enclave today amid a new dispute on how to enforce a ceasefire called by the Arab League a week ago.

In a separate development, unidentified kidnappers today released two West German hostages but said the life of a third was in danger and demanded that authorities in Cyprus free an unidentified prisoner, a Palestinian official and security sources said.

Another Palestinian official said the kidnapping was linked to the case of Mohammed Ali Hamadi on trial in West Germany.

Police reported the pre-dawn bombardment as Beirut newspapers said Kuwaiti Army Brig. Gen. Ali Al Momen has been appointed commander of a 321-man observer force drawn from six Arab nations to monitor the fraying truce.

Intermittent shellfire struck the shoreline between the ports of Jounieh and Byblos north of Beirut, keeping the only escape routes closed for one million Christians in the beleaguered enclave, police said.

Two Arab League envoys — Lakhdar Brahimi, an Algerian, and Abdel Aziz Al Jasseem, Kuwait's Ambassador to Syria — arrived in Damascus yesterday after two days of talks with

Saudis seek to calm oil market on price remark

ABU DHABI, May 5, (UPI): Saudi Arabia, seeking to calm the confusion stirred by King Fahd's remarks that oil prices could jump to \$26 a barrel, said yesterday it was against sharp and damaging price swings.

"A sharp fluctuation in prices, whether upwards or downwards, will not serve the interests of producers and consumers alike," Oil Minister Hisham Nazer was quoted as saying.

The Saudi monarch, whose country is the world's largest oil exporter, Wednesday told the Arab Times he expected prices to reach \$26 a barrel at the beginning of next year, provided other members in the 13-nation OPEC strictly adhered to their output quotas.

The remarks were greeted with surprise by Gulf-based oil industry executives, who agreed the statement did not fit into Saudi Arabia's oil strategy of maintaining world prices at a "reasonable" level of \$18 a barrel. That level is the reference price adopted by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries since 1986.

Nazer told the agency, monitored in Abu Dhabi, a price increase would be "a natural result" of growing demand on OPEC's oil, but unlike Fahd, he did not mention any figure.

■ Saudi Arabia gave its official seal of approval today for a proposed Arab summit to be held in Morocco.

Holiday

THE government has declared a three-day holiday, starting today, for Eid Al Fitr. The moon-sighting committee declared on Thursday that the Eid will be today.

Arab Times offices will remain closed today and the newspaper will not appear tomorrow.

Jordan denies defence pact

AMMAN, May 5, (Reuters): Jordan said today an Israeli newspaper report claiming the kingdom had proposed signing a joint defence pact with the Jewish state was pure fabrication.

The state-run news agency Petra quoted an official spokesman as saying the report, carried by the Israeli daily Haaretz today, was an Israeli propaganda game with explicit aims.

Haaretz said Jordan was considering a pact with Israel to counter possible dangers from an independent Palestinian state. It was "mere fabricated news," the spokesman said.

Policeman on rampage kills eight

MANILA, May 5, (UPI): A national police trooper armed with an assault rifle and grenade launcher went on a rampage in a southern village, killing eight people and wounding 17 before taking his own life, a military report said today.

Constable Ramon Cabisada began his rampage at noon on Wednesday when he took his M-203 — an assault rifle equipped with a grenade launcher — and gunned down two people and wounded three in Upper Gusa village in Cagayan de Oro City, 450 miles (725 km) south of Manila.

On Thursday, Cabisada went to nearby Lower Gusa village and fired a grenade at the house of Hospicio Cabanero, wounding three people.

Cabisada also lobbed a grenade and peppered with bullets the house of Francisco Labinaay, killing five people and wounding 11, the report said.

On his way back to his barracks, Cabisada shot and killed a relative of Labinaay before he put his rifle to his head and committed suicide.

■ Hundreds of supporters of Ferdinand Marcos staged rallies yesterday in Manila and in his northern home province to commemorate his mother's first death anniversary and to demand the exiled former ruler's return.

Four killed in explosion

NEW DELHI, May 5, (UPI): A powerful explosion at a government office in a resort in western Rajasthan state today killed at least four people and wounded 15, a Western diplomat said.

Indian officials had no details on the 2.10 pm explosion at the Lands Office in Udaipur, 350 miles southwest of New Delhi, but a diplomat travelling in the area said the blast shook his hotel about one mile away.

The Western diplomat said he saw four bodies at the blast site and counted at least 15 wounded people, four of them seriously hurt.

The cause of the explosion was not immediately known.

Iranian call for revenge attacks

NICOSIA, May 5, (Agencies): An Iranian leader called today for Palestinian revenge attacks, saying five Westerners should die for every Palestinian killed in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, a front-runner for September presidential elections, told a Friday prayers gathering in Tehran such attacks would help end Israel's suppression of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"If in retaliation for every Palestinian martyred in Palestine they kill and execute, not inside Palestine, five Americans or Britons or Frenchmen, they (the Israelis) would not continue these wrongs," the Iranian news agency IRNA quoted him.

"Those who give \$10 billion a year to preserve Israel and know what they are doing is their blood worth anything?" Rafsanjani asked in a Friday prayer sermon in Tehran.



Jolly Ollie

Former White House aide Oliver North and his wife, Betsy, arrive at his lawyer's office after a federal jury found him guilty of three charges lodged against him for his role in the Iran-Contra scandal. (Reuter wirephoto)

See North guilty Page 5

Mahfouz receives Muslim death threat

CAIRO, May 5, (Reuters): Egyptian Nobel laureate Naguib Mahfouz said on Wednesday Muslim extremists had vowed to kill him for blasphemy in a similar threat to that against Salman Rushdie.

"Police have offered me protection after Muslim extremists announced their intention to kill me," Mahfouz told Reuters. "I refused because police protection could disturb my life and disrupt my day-to-day habits."

Mahfouz, 77, who became the first Arab to win the Nobel prize for literature last year, sharply criticised Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini when he urged Muslims in February to kill Rushdie for blasphemy.

Security sources said a similar order against Mahfouz had been issued by Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, a blind theologian who some Egyptian Muslim radicals in the Islamic Jihad group regard as their mentor.

They said Abdel-Rahman, now in jail, issued his ruling in March on the grounds that Mahfouz's writings contained blasphemy.

Nineteen killed in Bangladesh stampede

DHAKA, May 5, (Agencies): At least 19 women died in a stampede triggered by thousands of destitute women struggling to get free saris being distributed in the town of Chandpur today, United News of Bangladesh reported.

Another 70 were reported injured in the incident, in which a wealthy merchant had planned to hand out the saris to celebrate the Eid Al Fitr, the news agency said.

More than 2,000 women, many of them dressed only in rags, gathered outside merchant Fazlur Rahman's house before dawn, UNB said. By the time a guard opened the gate at 8 am, the crowd had swollen to more than 3,000.

Some of the women surged through a small portico and swarmed up the narrow stairs. In an effort to halt the rush, the guard closed the iron gate but the stampede grew worse, UNB said.

The news agency said 19 bodies were taken to a local hospital. It said 14 critically injured women were hospitalised and the rest were given first aid.

In another incident two schoolgirls and an infant were crushed to death and 230 people were injured on Wednesday by a storm that slammed into Bangladesh a week after a tornado killed more than 1,100 people.



The shuttle Atlantis roars toward space.

US back in space with shuttle Magellan probe to Venus deployed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, May 5, (UPI): The crew of the smooth-sailing shuttle Atlantis settled down to a relatively low-key flight plan today, flushed with success after dispatching the Magellan probe on a 15-month voyage of discovery to Venus.

With the Magellan probe safely on its way, commander David Walker, 44, co-pilot Ronald Grabe, 36, have only to worry about several less demanding "secondary payloads" and experiments before returning home Monday.

Their flight plan today called for Walker and Grabe to fire Atlantis' jets as it passes over the Mount Haleakala on Maui in the Hawaiian Islands in a test aimed at helping the Air Force learn more about tracking spacecraft.

Cleave also planned to conduct a fluid experiment for growing ultra-pure crystals in space and test a commercial video recorder, while Thagard was scheduled to experiment with a personal computer to test its suitability for controlling shuttle experiments.

But the highlight of the mission was over early: the deployment of the \$530 million Magellan probe to Venus six hours and 14 minutes after Atlantis majestically rocketed away from the Kennedy Space Centre.

The radar mapper's \$45 million two-stage booster rocket ignited on schedule an hour later,

propelling the \$530 million spacecraft on an 806-million-mile excursion that will carry it around the sun one and a half times before it slips into orbit around cloud-shrouded Venus.

With an arrival date of Aug 10, 1990, Magellan will spend at least 243 days mapping Venus, with high-resolution radar.

The craft is expected to provide data on whether Venus has moving continents like earth, whether volcanoes are at work shaping the landscape with lava flows and whether mountain building is going on as a result of continental drift, known as plate tectonics.

The robot mapper will be placed in a highly elliptical three-hour, nine-minute orbit around Venus — tilted 86 degrees to the equator with a low point of about 155 miles (250 km) and a high point of about 5,000 miles (8,000 km).

As the probe travels through the low-altitude part of each orbit, its 12-foot (3.65-m) dish antenna, a relic of the Voyager programme, will be used to fire radar pulses at the ground, "illuminating" a 15.5 mile-wide (25-km), 9,900-mile-long (15,930-km) swath.

After each 37.2 minute mapping run, Magellan will re-orient itself, pointing the antenna towards distant earth so the recorded radar data can be beamed back to the jet propulsion laboratory for analysis.

Supporters and critics regret

US surgeon Koop quits

WASHINGTON, May 5, (Reuters): US surgeon general C. Everett Koop, who fought tough, well-publicised battles against the AIDS epidemic and smoking, announced his resignation yesterday in a letter to President George Bush.

The bearded, barrel-chested Koop, who delivered his opinions in a booming voice and always wore the military dress of the public health service, gave no explanation for his decision to leave after seven years as the government's chief authority on medical affairs.

Both supporters and critics of the paediatrician expressed regret at his decision to leave, saying that though they may have disagreed with some of his views, he was always in favour of better health for Americans.

Koop, 72, announced his resignation in a two-paragraph letter to Bush. He said he would go on leave in July and would be retired as of October 1, a month before his term as surgeon general is to end.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

Winners get toilet paper

MOSCOW, May 5, (AP): It might not seem like much compared to the West's multimillion-dollar standards, but the winners of a recent Soviet lottery consider themselves lucky even though they only took home household goods and animals.

The newspaper Literary Gazette on Wednesday told the story of Irs, a schoolgirl in the Ukrainian city Stakhanov who bought three lottery tickets and walked away with several rolls of toilet paper, a towel and a small bowl. The lottery tickets cost 50 kopeks (81 cents), more than the actual price of many of the prizes.

Criminals make more money

UNITED NATIONS, May 5, (Reuters): Criminals make more money from the sale of illegal drugs than the total interest on the world's debt, a World Bank authority said yesterday.

David Loos, the agency's UN representative, said: "The financial magnitude of this terrible scourge is simply horrendous."

23m Americans use drugs

NEW YORK, May 5, (Reuters): Ten per cent of Americans — some 23 million people — are using drugs, US Attorney-General Dick Thornburgh said yesterday.

Thornburgh told a news conference the country would lose the war against drugs if it left the problem to law enforcement alone.

Record for a single work

NEW YORK, May 5, (UPI): Andy Warhol's "Shot Red Marilyn" — a portrait of the famed actress — was auctioned Wednesday night for \$4,070,000, a record for a single work by the late artist, a spokeswoman for Christie's gallery said.

Records also were set with the sales of works by 15 other artists, Christie's spokeswoman Dana Micucci said.

Record price for racing car

MONACO, May 5, (Reuters): An Italian car which won the 1935 German Grand Prix fetched a world record price for racing cars of 19 million francs (\$3 million) at an auction in Monaco, organisers said on Wednesday.

Auctioneers have not revealed the identity of the buyer of the Alfa Romeo Tipo B "TZ" which Italian Tazio Nuvolari drove in the German race.

Little gas, but large profits

WASHINGTON, May 5, (AP): The House Ethics Committee Wednesday began interviewing a group of Texans involved in a gas-drilling venture that has so far produced little gas, but resulted in large profits to House Speaker Jim Wright.

The panel began two days of scheduled interviews by going behind closed doors to question San Antonio businessman Morris Jaffe and his son, Doug, who are friends of Wright, allowed the speaker and his business partner George Mallick to buy into the well venture last year.

Bad novels win contest

SAN JOSE, California, May 5, (AP): The would-be novels began badly and turned worse before their first sentences ended, laughable tributes to a once-popular Victorian master of banality and gratuitous polysyllabic prose.

Those were the winners of the 8th international Bawler-Lytton fiction contest, sponsored by the San Jose State University English department.

Islands for sale

EDINBURGH, Scotland, May 5, (AP): Two islands off Scotland's west coast are being offered for sale, and only the rich need apply.

The 3,400-acre (1,360-hectare) island of Gigha is expected to fetch between \$2 million (\$3.4 million) and \$3 million (\$5 million), selling agent Savills said Wednesday.

Offers for the 600-acre (240-hectare) Holy Island are to begin at \$950,000 (\$1.6 million), said estate agent Knight, Frank and Rutley.

Prison guard executed

STARKE, Florida, May 5, (AP): A former prison guard who suffocated an 8-year-old girl and left her body in a plastic bag was executed yesterday in Florida's electric chair for the youngster's death 11 years ago.

Attorneys for 31-year-old Aubrey Adams Jr had conducted a whirlwind round of unsuccessful appeals Wednesday in hopes of finding a judge to block the execution at Florida state prison near Starke.

Nevadans approve tax

CARSON CITY, Nevada, May 5, (AP): Nevadans overwhelmingly approved a \$52 million tax on miners who are now unearthing a gold bonanza that rivals production during this state's famed Comstock Lode era.

Nevada is the nation's leading producer of gold. During the past eight years, mines here have produced more than 12 million troy ounces of gold with a value of about \$5 billion.

Masterpieces stolen

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 5, (Reuters): Thieves bluffed their way into a Rio Art Gallery on Wednesday night and stole artworks including paintings by Salvador Dali and Henri Matisse, a museum official said yesterday.

A spokesman for the Chacara do Con Museum said six men carrying forged police credentials convinced a guard to open the museum, saying they were hunting for robbers.



Death of a legend

CHRISTINE JORGENSEN, who in 1952 underwent the first sex change operation to be transformed into a woman, died Wednesday after battling cancer. She was 62.

Miss Jorgensen was born George Jorgensen Jr on May 30, 1926, in New York City to parents of Danish descent. In her 1967 book "Christine Jorgensen: A Personal Biography," Jorgensen said she had a normal, happy childhood but on growing up became frustrated by feelings that she was a woman trapped in a man's body.

The ex-GI, shocked the world in 1952 for undergoing surgery in Denmark to become a woman. The woman who left the Copenhagen operating room was an instant celebrity.

Her notoriety took her on the lecture and nightclub circuit. She met royalty and celebrities and ended up with enough money, jewels and luxuries to live a comfortable life.

She never married and lived for the last few years in San Clemente, a seaside community about 50 miles (80 kilometres) south of downtown Los Angeles.

In a 1965 interview, she described herself as a homebody who loved to entertain but stayed away from crowds.



Miss Universe contestants

Three contestants in the Miss Universe contest enjoy a pizza after spending the day shopping in Cancun, Mexico on Thursday. They are from left: Miss Norway, Lene Drnholt, Miss Iceland, Gudbjorg Gissurardottir and Miss Turkey, Jasmin Baradan. (Reuters wirephoto)

Extensive damage to prison

LONDON, May 5, (UPI): British officials examined yesterday the extensive damage done to a prison block in northern England during four days of rioting by inmates protesting the conditions for those awaiting trial.

A rooftop protest at Risley Remand Centre, Warrington, 167 miles (268 km) north of London, ended Wednesday night as prison authorities announced they agreed to the demands of 54 prisoners, who had been on the roof since Sunday protesting conditions inside the jail.

Movie shut down

FAYETTEVILLE, Arkansas, May 5, (AP): A \$2.5-million movie that was to be actor Hal Holbrook's directing debut has shut down before filming began because its producers ran out of money.

"There's nothing much I can do about it," Holbrook said late last week as he left Fayetteville for New York. "I'm the director of this film and I'm out of a job."

Filming of "Shogun" the story of a real-life bandit, was supposed to have begun Wednesday in Bentonville. Filmmaker, a Little Rock-based group, was producing the movie.

400 AIDS patients by 1992

TOKYO, May 5, (AP): A government research group predicts Japan will have 300 to 400 AIDS patients by the end of 1992, up about 30 per cent from its estimates made a year ago, a news report said Wednesday.

The group, led by Kenji Sonoda, a professor at Yokohama City University, also revised its estimate for the number of AIDS virus carriers in three years, raising it to about 4,000 instead of the 3,000 predicted earlier, Kyodo News Service said.

Bill to ban assault firearms

SACRAMENTO, California, May 5, (UPI): The California Senate sent Republican governor George Deukmejian a bill yesterday to make California the first state in the country to ban the sale of assault firearms.

Deukmejian, in acknowledging an 11th-hour pact reached with the bill's Democratic Party author, said he would sign the measure if it is accompanied by a follow-up bill appealing concerns of those who already own the weapons.

The Senate voted 29-8 for the gun ban, which was previously passed by the assembly. All "No" votes were cast by Republicans.

'Recovering' Rape victim out of coma

NEW YORK, May 5, (Agencies): A woman raped and brutally beaten by a teen-age gang out on a "wilding" spree in New York City emerged from a two-week coma on Wednesday, began speaking and is on the road to recovery, her doctors said.

But the doctors said it was "a medical certainty" that she will suffer amnesia about her attack in Manhattan's central park and never remember what happened to her.

They also doubted that she will ever be able to testify against her attackers, eight youths aged between 14 and 17.

The April 19 gang rape and beating of the woman, a 28-year-old Wall Street executive, caused an uproar in New York because of its savage nature.

The youths told police they were in the park to go "wilding" — slum slang for a crime spree — and that they raped and beat the woman for fun. "She wasn't nothing," one of her attackers said in a statement to police.

Since the attack, the woman, whose family asks that her name not be made public, has been fighting for her life.

Her physician, Dr Robert Kurtz, said that was no longer the case. "We have some pretty good news. She has emerged from her coma. She can speak but is so hoarse that we have difficulty hearing what she says."

He said she could give yes and no answers, can raise her fingers and read some simple signs placed in front of her.

She read signs that said "yes," "no" and her name but could not read a poster that said "get well soon."

"She is not well yet but has made substantial strides over the past 24 hours," Kurtz said. He said it would take about six months to determine the extent of brain damage she suffered.

Another of her doctors, Kent Duffy, said that based on past cases of coma victims it was a "medical certainty" that she will not remember the events of her accident. It is highly unlikely she will be able to be a witness at the trial of her attackers.

Her case has provoked debates about how racism, sexism and class division may have led to the attack and influenced the coverage.

From Harlem, where the teen-age suspects lived, to Wall Street, where the victim worked, the questions continue:

Did the black and hispanic youths attack her because she was white? Is the story played up because of the black-white angle? Would the rape of a black investment banker get the same attention?

"The only reason for all this (publicity) is because she's white," said a black girl from an east Harlem junior high that two of the suspects attended. "If she was a black girl or a hispanic girl, nobody would care, and that happens all the time."

"I don't think the incident itself was racial," said the Rev. Herbert Daughtry, a civil rights activist, "but I think the way that we — the media, the police, all of us — have reacted is racial."

Whether racism motivated the attackers is something that may not be known until the trials of the six indicted youths, if then.

"We have never classified it as a bias case or a racially motivated incident," said Colleen Roche, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office.

The teenagers who went "wilding" through the park on April 19 attacked nine white and hispanic joggers, bicyclists and one homeless man. What turned the spree of petty crime into brutal violence remains a mystery, though many have theories.

Scientists discover gene

WASHINGTON, May 5, (UPI): In what could be a major step toward finding a treatment for muscular dystrophy, scientists reported Wednesday they had discovered a gene that when defective may cause most cases of the devastating disease.

A team of British researchers said it had isolated a gene on chromosome 6 that may be the blueprint for dystrophin, a recently discovered muscle protein that is apparently defective in muscular dystrophy victims. The gene shows a strong similarity to a previously identified gene associated with one form of the disease known as duchenne muscular dystrophy, the scientists said.

Court orders reinstatement

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5, (AP): A federal appeals court Wednesday ordered the Army to reinstate a soldier denied re-enlistment for being homosexual, but sidestepped the issue of military discrimination against homosexuals.

The 9th US circuit court of appeals ruled that the Army could not enforce its ban against Perry Watkins, a 14-year veteran with an exemplary record, because it had repeatedly re-enlisted him despite knowing of his homosexuality.

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Necrophile gets life sentence

THE Criminal Court has sentenced a man to life imprisonment for murdering a woman and her son in an attempt to rape her. The court did not see any evidence of premeditated murder in the case and thus sentenced him to life only. The crime which took place last year and created terror in Kuwaiti society, was recently heard in the Criminal Court.

The accused, known as Sameer J., was a close friend of the family, as he was planning to get married with the woman's niece. He confessed to loving the woman and being fully attracted to her. He also confessed that he was a frequent visitor to her house even in the absence of the husband and stayed very late some nights. The husband said that he noticed the accused's attraction for his wife as he was always saying sweet words and "touching her hands" while playing cards together.

On the day of the incident, the accused who works as a teacher at a government school, had the desire to have sexual intercourse with the woman while on his way to work. So after arriving at the school, he signed out and then at about 7.15 am went to the deceased's apartment. By the time, her husband had gone to work and her son to school and only her younger son remained with her.

He knocked at the door, and when the deceased opened it she was still in her night dress. She led him to the sitting room and then went to her bedroom to change her dress. He followed her inside and from behind, hit her on the head with a heavy metal object. She fell and started asking for help. The boy got up. But the man quickly went to the kitchen brought two knives, one big and one small. He used the big knife to kill the woman and the small one to kill the boy. Later, he raped the woman and to ensure she had died, hit her with a vase on the head. He then brought her body from the kitchen and started a fire in the bedroom to hide his crime.

Police who investigated the case arrested him and found some blood stains still on his shoes. After trying to deny carrying out the crime, he confessed and showed the police how he did it. The court also asked him to pay KD5,000 to the woman's husband, as temporary compensation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Premier's cables

KUWAIT, May 5, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah has exchanged cables of congratulations with kings and heads of government of Arab and Muslim countries on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr.

Sheikh Saad also received several cables of congratulations from Arab and Islamic personalities and citizens.

He sent reply messages in which he thanked and appreciated the nice gesture, wishing all a prosperous Eid and happy returns.

Ministry warning

KUWAIT, May 5, (KUNA): Minister of Public Works, Abdul Rahman Al Houti warned that the ministry would not hesitate to use its legal right of withdrawing projects from any company that fails to abide by contract terms.

The warning came following the signing Tuesday of a KD13.250 million contract for the completion of roads leading into Murgab area. The contract's term is 750 days.

The ministry withdrew the project from Yugoslav company, Union Engineering which fell far behind schedule in construction work, the minister went on.

UAE health

ABU DHABI, May 5, (KUNA): United Arab Emirates Health Minister Hamed Abdul Rahman Al Madfaa has indicated the marked progress made by the health services in his country during the last ten years.

Health services have coped with population and the rise in infants which reached 51,000 births in 1988 compared to 37,000 in 1980, he said.

The health minister pointed out that despite this increase the Health Ministry's budget has not changed.

He said that mothercare and children services had been enhanced to the group which represents 65 per cent of the total population.

The Ministry of Health is keen to provide medicines to all its 4,000 hospitals, he added.

Pakistan Embassy

THE Pakistan Embassy will remain closed from May 6 to 8 due to Eid Al Fitr.

Hamad highlights Kuwait's role as peacemaker

Modernising media a priority

LONDON, May 5, (KUNA): Kuwait Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah highlighted Kuwait's role in realising peace in the world describing his country as a "peace dove" which has been backed by all states.

He stressed in an interview with the London-based Lebanese weekly magazine "Al Hawadeth," that the Kuwaiti media must strongly and clearly relay this role on the international spectrum and should give prominence to the Gulf nation's humanitarian efforts.

Sheikh Jaber pointed out that the visits to Kuwait by several information and press teams over the past few months was part of the new international strategy of his ministry.

He said the Ministry of Information is working for development and modernisation of Kuwaiti media and its means by making use of technological advancement and new scientific devices.

On whether Kuwait was prepared to benefit from the transmission via satellites, Sheikh Jaber emphasised that,

"We in Kuwait, have possessed all technical requirements necessary for reception and transmission via satellites, but we were concentrating over the past few years on making use of the Arab satellite 'Arabsat'," he said.

Responding to questions on the assistance that could be offered by the European Economic Community, EEC, to Arab countries in this respect, Sheikh Jaber stated that the EEC would only render assistance to the extent that could serve its interests.

However, he said, if Arab

states have been capable of adopting a specific and clear-cut political strategy and an economic one, then the entire world, not only the EEC, would deal with them as full partners rather than aid recipients.

Sheikh Jaber urged for collective Arab efforts to set up clear programmes on real needs and the support required from the EEC.

"The Arab nation might find itself in a real critical position by the year 1992 — the date set by the EEC for establishing the European single market which

means economic and political unity among the group members," he warned.

"If we maintain our present status, then by that time we will only constitute a very interesting market for European economies and a battlefield for the policies of the unified group," Sheikh Jaber said.

He hoped that this topic would be high on the agenda of concerned Arab institutions during forthcoming conferences and meetings so as to draw up appropriate formulas to face expected challenges.



German photographic exhibition

GLIMPSES of life in Germany from 1914 to 1945 are being shown at an exhibition of photographs that opened at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on Wednesday. German photographer August Sanders captures some moments in the life of people in urban and rural Germany. A series of pictures show peasant children playing on the farm; tradesmen like blacksmiths and locksmiths and masons and fashions of that era are also shown. The exhibition has been organised by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in co-operation with Kuwait Sheraton Hotel. It is open throughout the day in the hotel's Diewaniya, until May 8. Picture above shows a circus artist. (Photos by Mohammad Abbas)

Kuwait economic activity picks up

Special report on potential

PARIS, May 5, (KUNA): There is a marked change in Kuwait as economic activity begins to pick up following last year's ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, according to a wide-ranging report published here on the State of Kuwait.

Banking and finance are becoming increasingly active and the construction industry is on the move again as higher oil revenues result in more money being pumped into the public sector, said the report appearing in Wednesday's edition of the International Herald Tribune.

With a gradual injection of government money into the public sector, notably housing and construction, economic activity is again picking up, the report said.

"Although the ceasefire is naturally welcome, Kuwait had already put itself well along the road to economic recovery during 1988," the report went on.

Projects

"There is still a need here for good infrastructure projects, perhaps not on the scale of the boom years of the 1970s, but we need more housing, more bridges and those kind of things," according to Abdul Salam Abdullah Al Awadi, Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of Al Ahli Bank.

There is excellent potential here for good projects and our financial institutions are

basically in good shape," Awadi went on.

"The signs are visible as the tower cranes swing higher over Safat city," the report said.

Besides reviewing business and finance, the report shed light on the different sectors of Kuwait's social services, "which are among the most advanced in the Arab world."

It said Kuwait had always enjoyed free housing, schooling, medicine and pension rights, though nowadays they are being asked to contribute to most social services.

Kuwait's housing programme has achieved dramatic results with the completion of the 25,390 units under the current five-year plan, now in its final year, the report showed.

"People forget that we are not only building houses in the desert. We are having to construct roads, put in all utility services — water, power, telephones. There was nothing there at all when we began the housing programme," explained Ali Al Fouzan, Assistant Director General of the National Housing Authority.

He said "more than KD800 million (\$2.8 billion) have been spent on the current five-year plan housing project and slightly less will be budgeted for the new plan now being finalised by the government.

As for health programmes, the

Kuwaiti government since independence in 1961, has aimed at providing health care for all by the year 2,000.

With a total of 6,104 hospital beds, including 600 at private company hospitals most of them provided by the oil industry, the country is now well ahead of its target.

The nation's bright health record boasts one doctor for every 1,500 persons and three hospitals beds for every 1,000 patients, the report said.

Turning to the nation's expanding oil industry, the report said "Kuwait's expertise both on the domestic and international fronts has enabled it to develop its oil industry in a manner unique among the Gulf countries."

The establishment of the Kuwait Petroleum Company (KPC) in 1980 with a capital of KD2.5 billion (\$8.75 billion) in 1980 has enabled the country to create an integrated industry with its own exploration and drilling, and its own refineries and marketing organisations worldwide.

Kuwait was the first OPEC member to drill for oil outside its own boundaries, the report said, adding, this has been done through Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KFPEC) and by its purchase of the Santa Fe company.

'Divorce in Kuwait' seminar on May 13

By Mahmoud Morsi

UNDER the patronage of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's wife Sheikh Latifa Al Fahd, Kuwait University's Continuing Education and Community Service Centre will hold a seminar on divorce entitled "For a Better Society" on May 13 at Kuwait Plaza Hotel.

A number of ministries will participate in the seminar which will see the participation as well of the National Housing Authority and the Kuwaiti Bar Society.

Deputy Assistant Rector for Community Service Affairs at the university and the co-ordinator of the seminar Dr Mohammed Al Sarawi said in press conference that a choice of specialists from Kuwait University, Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Planning and a number of specialists representing welfare societies, will take part in the four session seminar whose opening address will be presented by the Assistant Rector for Community Service and Information Affairs at Kuwait University Dr Rasha Al Sabah.

Sarawi said that the seminar aims at debating the divorce problem in Kuwait and its social dimensions through comprehensive studies and debates, and added that the

seminar falls within the cultural season organised by the community centre.

Sarawi said that the first session, to be presided over by Dr Mohammed Abdulghafar Al Sabah from the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs will debate three working papers the first of which will be submitted by Kuwait University and presented by the Dean of Sharia (Islamic Affairs) Faculty Dr Ahmed Al Ghandour which will emphasise the divorce phenomenon between jurisprudence and the law. That will be followed by a paper of the Ministry of Justice to be delivered by the adviser at the ministry Yusuf Al Rushaid who will concentrate on the extent religion can intervene to minimise divorce cases. The third paper to be submitted by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs will be presented by Dr Issa Shakra.

Sarawi added that the second session to be held under the chairmanship of Dr Khaled Al Mazkour from the Faculty of Sharia will also debate three working papers, the first of which is prepared by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour on the reflections of divorce on the family and on the community and will be delivered by Mohammed Al Sabah of the ministry.

Kuwait University's paper on the relation between the age and divorce statistics will be

presented by Dr Adnan Al Shatti from the Faculty of Arts and the third one will be from the Ministry of Education which shall centre on the effect of divorce on students.

The third session, the official said, will be presided over by the chairman of Fatwa and Legislation Department Dr Abdurassoul Abduraza and will debate two working papers one to be submitted by Kuwait Bar Association which will call for a review of some divorce regulations stipulated in the law while the second paper will be submitted by Kuwait University on the traditional vision of the divorce phenomenon and will be delivered by Dr Saad Shlash from the Faculty of Arts.

The fourth session will be presided over by Lawyer Abdullah Abdulghafaru from the Kuwait Bar Association and will debate three working papers, the first of which will be from the Ministry of Planning on divorce statistics up to last year and will be delivered by an official from the ministry and the second paper will be from Kuwait University which will concentrate on the reasons of divorce in the Kuwaiti community and will be delivered by Dr Fahed Al Naser from the Faculty of Arts. The third paper from the National Housing Authority will concentrate on the legal actions to be taken by the authority towards the handling of the housing problem between couples after divorce.

Buy only stamped jewellery: official

THE controller of Stamping Jewellery at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Mohammad Al Gaith has described the gold and silver ornaments produced locally as competitive and of international specifications.

He told a local daily that the

control received jewellery from two sources. The first being the local jewellery and the second foreign imports. The control always comes under increased work pressure during the Holy Month of Ramadan, and typically at the end of the year, being the season for weddings and receptions.

The control received around 2.5 to 3 tons of jewels per month for stamping. A total of 31 tons of jewels were stamped last year and dealt with 122 local jewellery shops.

He warned people that the jewellers which did not bear the control stamp were in violation

of the law and that almost all violations referred to the control came from the customs department.

He advised jewel-buyers to obtain a receipt for jewellery where the specifications will clearly be detailed just in case the jewels were proven fake.

Agriculture authority to remove provisional sheds

THE acting director of the Animal Resources Department Khalil Ibrahim Al Dosari has said that the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources will remove all provisional sheds located at random in various places in the country, as they fail to meet technical, administrative and hygienic standards.

He said that the Authority had plans to develop animal resources in the country and step up related production, being the sole source of food.

He added that the authority had therefore arranged for the expansion of existing milk farms in Sulaibiya, allocation of new plots for the purpose of increasing the production of eggs, and fresh milk, and that two new sites had already been approved for allocation to this effect.

He also said that other sites had been allocated in Kabad, south Sulaibiya and Wafra for the purpose of raising cattle, camel and sheep and that studies were currently under way for allocating another site in the northern direction for raising camels.

He added that land owners in Wafra and Abadiyah had been urged to contribute to the national effort aiming to increase and develop animal resources in the country whereby to jack up animal production rates, whether eggs, poultry meat or red meat besides fresh milk.

He pointed out that studies and research experiments were ongoing at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research in co-operation with experts at the authority to further support the development of national animal resources.

He also said that the authority was constantly providing farmers and cattle keepers with guidance and aid to enrich their know-how, step up their operation techniques and sort out existing impediments facing animal resources development in various fields and sectors.

Dosari said that the authority was also sponsoring a plan to develop genetic engineering for cows in Sulaibiya, which primarily stressed the development and raising of milch cows to increase fresh milk products.

Commenting on the animal zoo in Omariya, he said that the authority means to further develop this facility, build up new sheds, renovate existing ones and introduce more animal species and birds especially those capable of acclimatisation with the local climate.

Direct to Alexandria

KUWAIT, May 5, (KUNA): Egyptian Ambassador Saeed Rifaat inaugurated here last night the first direct flight between Kuwait and the Egyptian port city of Alexandria.

Regional Director of Egypt Air Abdel Rahman Benahel told KUNA the company will operate one flight a week every Thursday but the number could be increased later in light of the current experiment.

Solution to environmental pollution called for

KUWAIT, May 5, (KUNA): A specialised oil publication here called for pragmatic solutions for the protection of the environment from pollutants with irreversible effects.

"Protection of the environment from pollutants should start now. The future health of Arab children must not be compromised," said the monthly bulletin of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

"We are increasingly concerned by the harmful emissions of motor vehicles, particularly those that can be reduced at little cost. An outstanding example of the problem is the lead used to raise the octane number of gasoline," the bulletin commented editorially.

Steps

The close correlation between the use of leaded gasoline and the levels of lead in human blood has been widely documented. This evidence has prompted industrial countries to take positive legal and administrative steps to trim the use of lead in gasoline, and eventually eliminate it entirely, the publication went on.

In the Arab world, gasoline consumption is expected to reach 800,000 barrels per day in 1990, compared with 300,000 B/D in 1980, the bulletin said, adding that lead pollution is expected to rise, especially since most gasoline sold in Arab markets contains high levels of lead.

Action Line

CAN an expatriate buy property in Kuwait? If he can, what is the procedure?

Mahmoud AN expatriate is not entitled to buy property in Kuwait but he can rent premises on a long term lease; terms and conditions of leasing property are defined by a contract signed by the owner of the property and the person renting the apartment/villa.

If both husband and wife work for the public sector, and meet the required salary margins, can the husband bring his mother on a visiting visa and then transfer her on the husband's residence.

P.C.

Qibla IF a man earns KD600 or more, and meets all the requirements of sponsoring his family — his wife and children can be sponsored by him on dependent visas. However, a parent — mother or father — is not eligible for a dependent's visa. As we have advised other readers before, you could call your mother on a visit visa, which is valid for a month.

I HAVE a work permit since 1987 and I married a person who has lived in Kuwait for more than 10 years. My husband has a work permit, visa No. 18. If I give up my job, can I become a dependent? We married in Kuwait.

Belal IN principle, you can get a dependent visa. But to do that you'll have to quit your job and return to your country of origin. If your husband is eligible (earns KD450 or more in the public sector and KD600 or more in the private sector) to bring dependents, then he can obtain a dependent's visa for you.

HOOIGANS burned down parts of the Belal Masjid and caused extensive damage to its madrassahs in Huddersfield, England. We need funds to rebuild the mosque and meet the growing needs of the Muslim community. Can you ask your readers to help us?

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THE Belal Masjid is a registered charity (No. 514101) in the UK and serves the Muslim community in Huddersfield area. It provides Islamic education to more than 100 children. Readers who want to help the mosque committee can send donations to Belal Masjid, A/c 17156811, Yorkshire Bank Ltd. (Code 05 04 69), 40 New Street, Huddersfield, England. For further information, readers can write to the Belal Masjid Committee, Medina Building, 10 C Thornton Lodge Road, Huddersfield, HD 1 3JQ, Yorkshire, England.

I HAVE been a resident of Kuwait for 22 years. I was born and brought up in Kuwait. I did my schooling in Kuwait. At present, I am working in the computer field. A car is not a luxury but a necessity for me. I would like to know about expatriates who have been born and brought up in Kuwait without an Indian driving license. These expatriates are now working in Kuwait but are unable to get a learner's license. Is there any solution to this problem?

Tom Miller

MR MILLER, you had addressed your question to the Legal Clinic. Mr Khaled Taher, our attorney, says the matter of obtaining a driving license is subject to the regulations of the General Traffic Department, and as such, all expatriates, irrespective of where they were born, must honour the law. The only solution seems to be to wait until the traffic department goes ahead with the opening of more driving schools. When such schools open, officials have repeatedly said, they would give more learner's licenses, and maybe, you'll get a chance to learn driving and then own a car. Another solution would be to spend a prolonged holiday in India and obtain a driving license. Once you have that, you can try applying for a Kuwaiti license.

I AM working as a domestic helper since January 1986. I would like to take up another job. In case I find a job other than that of a domestic, is there a possibility of changing my visa No. 20 (domestic) to visa No. 18 (work permit) without going back to my country? A trip home costs a lot of money.

Marion Ibo

Sahiba YOU can't change a domestic visa to work permit without going back to your country. In case you find another job, and the new sponsor is able to get a visa No. 18 for you, then you'll have to go back to your country. The possibility of obtaining a visa No. 18 depends on the discretion of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. The new law stipulates that new work permits will be issued only when a person of similar qualifications is not found in Kuwait and the Gulf. In other words, Kuwaiti and Gulf citizens get job preference and only if no one among them has the qualifications to do the job you'll be eligible for the position.

If you have a problem drop a line to Action Line, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or Fax it to No. 4847495. For further information call 4813566 ext 285.

Crimefile

Indiscriminate shooting

POLICE arrested a 17-year-old boy for injuring 13 persons in a shooting spree.

The incident took place near Rigga. People who were shot at reported the case to the Rigga police station. The first report was filed by an Egyptian employee at about 11 pm saying that while driving his car back home, an unidentified person driving a car shot and seriously injured him. Other complaints followed. A total of 13 persons were injured in the incident. They were all admitted to Adan hospital and 7 of them were later discharged. The police acted quickly and arrested the assailant who was found to have been driving another man's car.

Jailed for bootlegging

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a culprit identified as Tong to forty months in jail to be followed by deportation for distilling and selling liquor.

The court was told that the defendant had been caught red handed by the detectives and had acknowledged before the Public Prosecution Office.

Convicted of forgery

TWO brothers identified as Taleb A. and Salem A. were convicted of forgery by the Criminal Court. The court sentenced both the accused to three years in jail to be followed by deportation. Salem in addition was fined an amount of about KD17,512. However, the court recommended a bail of KD200 to suspend the enforcement of imprisonment sentence of both the accused.

The court was told that the two brothers acquired the Kuwaiti nationality illegally in 1960 and 1963 respectively while their father had got the nationality in 1965. The court was further told that the two defendants claimed that they belonged to a prominent family in Kuwait after they had added this family's name to their names. Their father was not a Kuwaiti at that time.

The court heard that the two defendants had acknowledged their guilt before the Public Prosecutor and had exploited their Kuwaiti nationality to achieve personal gains illegally.

Doctor and pharmacist arrested

POLICE after surveillance arrested a doctor and a pharmacist for possessing and circulating (free of charge) drug pills. The doctor is employed at the Psychiatric Hospital while the pharmacist works at Bayan medical centre. The police first arrested the pharmacist and found in his possession a large amount of the pills. During interrogations, he confessed that he got them from the doctor in the psychiatric hospital. A search of the doctor's residence revealed a large quantity of pills. The type of pills found can only be prescribed for limited use and in small quantities and no one, including doctors, can possess large quantities of it. The two accused were later referred to the general prosecution for further investigation.

It was also learnt that the officer who arrested the two, is the same one who few weeks ago arrested a doctor at the Maternity Hospital for taking bribes.

University cafes may collapse

KUWAIT University has relocated students registration centres in response to a technical report by the Engineering Department that the Faculty of Arts Cafeteria in Shuwaikh and that of the Faculty of Commerce in Odailiya could possibly collapse.

The university administration had ordered these buildings closed and the registration centre relocated as a precautionary measure.

Unsung heroes of Lebanese civil war

Rescuers risk their lives to save others

BEIRUT, May 5, (AP): Ziad Natour watched his friend, Mohammed Rustum, bleed to death after he was hit by shrapnel from an exploding shell as they tried to rescue two wounded men during a bout of savage shelling.

Natour, a Muslim volunteer who works with Lebanon's civil defence rescue team, sat with Rustum, 24, for two hours in a hospital in West Beirut, begging someone to help.

"I pleaded with them to get a surgeon, but they said none of the doctors had been able to get to the hospital because of the shelling," he said. "So Rustum

died."

Two more of Natour's squad were wounded that day, April 16, while rescuing civilians in Muslim West Beirut's Tarik Jedideh district during the artillery barrages between Army commander Maj. Gen. Michel Aoun's largely Christian troops and an alliance of Syrian forces and Muslim militias.

Rustum was among the 278 people killed in seven weeks of almost non-stop shelling that has ravaged Beirut's Muslim and Christian sectors. Fourteen other rescue workers have been wounded in the fighting that

broke out March 8.

Natour and his colleagues — both Muslims and Christians — in the rescue teams organised by the civil defence and Lebanese Red Cross are the unsung heroes of the 14-year-old civil war.

They have saved countless lives since the conflict broke out in 1975, often under the most dangerous conditions. But the cost has been high.

The civil defence, which fields about 800 volunteers throughout Lebanon, has seen 31 of its people killed and 175 wounded since 1975.

Thirteen Red Cross volunteers were killed and 82 wounded between 1975 and 1983, when the agency banned its teams from "spontaneous reaction" — going headlessly into battle zones during indiscriminate shelling to aid their stricken countrymen.

"The only good rescuer is a live rescuer," John Ayyoub, deputy director-general of the Lebanese Red Cross, said at his headquarters in West Beirut's Antari district.

The two organisations, the largest humanitarian groups in Lebanon, had remained neutral in the sectarian bloodletting.

Unlike most other institutions, they have not been fractured along political or religious lines.

Natour joined the civil defence when he was 12 "because I wanted to help people, not kill them." He joined the rescue teams two years later.

He's 25 now, studying business administration at Beirut University College, married and with a child on the way.

He's taken chances many times. But the day Rustum died as he watched helplessly is seared into his memory.

"It's only by God's will that I survived," he said.

'Top Secret' aired to deter others

Spies confess on Iranian TV

NICOSIA, May 5, (Reuters): Iranian television has shown confessions by six men, including a Muslim preacher and an Air Force pilot, who said they spied for foreign countries.

The broadcast kicked off a weekly series on espionage called "Top Secret." Future programmes will put on display members of a big US spy ring whose break-up was announced last month, the television said.

Those shown last evening all said they were arrested between 12 and 18 months ago.

A bearded man wearing a skull-cap identified himself as Abdollah Alavi, born in 1947, preacher and student in a theological school in the holy city of Qom.

Among his tasks, he said, was gathering information on foreign theology students who were active against their own government and on Iranians sent to preaching abroad.

Majid Rashidpour, an Air Force pilot for 17

years, said he was arrested a year ago for contacts with the United States and attempting to leave Iran illegally.

He said he had been trained to send coded radio messages and use invisible ink in six sessions in a foreign country. "They said this was not enough and they would continue my training through radio contacts after I returned to Iran," he said.

Ahmad Behrooz, 45-year-old actor, sobbed and asked for God's forgiveness. Alireza Razaqpour, crying, said he was sucked into spying gradually, ruining his family.

Ahmad Hosseini said he was arrested a year and a half ago for links with Iraq.

The programme, designed to alert Iranians to espionage dangers, also showed parts of an interview first aired in 1987 with Roger Cooper, a British businessman held on spying charges since November 1985.

North guilty on three charges

10 years jail term possible

WASHINGTON, May 5, (Agencies): A federal jury yesterday found former White House aide Oliver North guilty on three of 12 criminal charges stemming from the Iran-Contra scandal that shook Ronald Reagan's presidency.

Conviction on the three counts leaves North subject to possible maximum penalties of 10 years in prison and \$750,000 in fines when Judge Gerhard Gesell sentences him on June 23.

North, a former Marine lieutenant colonel and dedicated anti-communist on Reagan's National Security Council staff, stared unflinchingly at Gesell as the judge read the verdict.

A tough, poised man known for his dashing personal style and coolness under pressure, North gave no sign of emotion at the climax of Washington's most dramatic trial of the 1980s.

Bush breaks silence

'I did not arrange Iran-Contra deal'

WASHINGTON, May 5, (Agencies): President George Bush, breaking his silence on an issue arising from the Oliver North trial, said yesterday he did not arrange a deal with Honduras to aid Nicaraguan rebels at a time when direct US aid was banned.

"The word of the President of the United States, George Bush, is that there was no deal," he said.

Bush referred to suggestions in court documents that a deal was struck at a March 1985 meeting between him and Honduran President Roberto Suazo Cordova in the Honduran village of La Paz.

His statement came just minutes before a federal court jury convicted North, a former aide in the White House of Ronald Reagan, on three of 12 criminal counts for his role in the Iran-Contra affair. Bush was Reagan's vice-president.

Bush had previously refused to discuss the meeting with Suazo, saying it would be inappropriate to do so during the North trial. But Bush did say two weeks ago: "My conscience is clear."

While not clearly illegal, Bush's participation in such a deal would damage his credibility since it would mean he was more aware than he has acknowledged of Reagan administration efforts to circumvent a congressional ban on aid to the Contra rebels.

"There's been much needless, mindless speculation about my word of honour," Bush told reporters after a meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Bush refused to answer categorically when asked if he could rule out a deal between the Reagan administration and the

government of Honduras.

"Not to my knowledge... that's all I'm going to say," he said.

The Iran-Contra scandal created the worst political crisis of Reagan's presidency.

"I am going to insist that the congressional committee, now that the jury is in or out, be briefed fully on the confidential cables that bring up every fact of my meeting with Suazo," Bush said.

White House Chief of Staff John Sununu and other key Bush aides and State Department officials have said the cables show Bush's actions were totally proper.

With a verdict now in, Bush faces the potentially explosive decision on whether to pardon North, whom he and Reagan both called an "American hero".

At the same time, the President is confronted by congressional investigations into why documents released at North's trial, regarding a possible role by Bush in the Iran-Contra affair, were not provided to Congress in 1987.

"The President has not discussed a pardon," said Deputy White House press secretary Hart. But in response to a question, Hart said he had "no idea" whether Bush would grant one.

"That's all we're going to say," the President initially bristled when asked about a story in Newsweek that quoted a "source close to Bush" as predicting he would not pardon North. When told that the source was only making a prediction, however, Bush shrugged off the report as unfounded speculation.

The House intelligence committee announced yesterday that it would investigate why documents used in the North trial regarding Bush's role were not given to Congress in 1987.

He kissed his wife Betsy on the cheek, shook hands with his lawyers and slipped out a back door of the courthouse.

North looked ashen but maintained a tight smile when he left the court, sweeping past reporters without answering questions. His wife looked flushed but also smiled.

North vowed to appeal his Iran-Contra conviction, but the chief prosecutor says the ex-White House aide's trial proves "that no man is above the law."

"We will continue this battle with the support and prayers of the American people. We will be fully vindicated," North said.

The Marines announced that North will lose his \$1,900 a month pension. North retired from the Marines in May 1988.

After the verdict, chief prosecutor John "Kicker" Keiser said, "Some said our system of justice could not deal fairly, if at all, with this case. Some said that it couldn't be tried... the jury has spoken after a long and difficult trial, and the principle that no man is above the law has been vindicated."

Independent prosecutor Lawrence Walsh, who brought the charges against North in a March 16, 1988, indictment, said in a statement, "It has been a well-conducted, hard-fought trial. The rule of law has been discharged."

Juror Earl Williams, 65, said he began the deliberations with an open mind, but after reviewing the evidence he concluded the ex-Marine had violated the law.

"After reading those documents, he was guilty of a few things. Those are the three charges — the only three — we could find against the man," Williams said in a telephone interview.

North was acquitted of nine criminal counts, including lying to Congress, obstructing Congress, lying to the attorney-general, converting more than \$4,300 in traveller's checks to his own use and tax fraud.

North claimed he never acted in the affair — which exploded into the worst scandal of Reagan's presidency — without the approval of the innermost circle of administration advisers and the occupant of the Oval office.



Clash in Turkey

At least 10 people were injured on Thursday when Turkish police clashed with demonstrators (above) at the funeral of a man killed at a May Day rally.

An estimated 1,500 protesters, some throwing stones, charged "killer police" as police took away the coffin after a mosque service in Istanbul.

Doctors said at least 10 people, including five policemen, were injured in running battles in which police fired teargas and used truncheons.

One of the injured, medical student Abbas Kuluçak, was hit in the foot by a bullet, a doctor at Cerrahpasa hospital said.

The funeral service in the working-class Zeytinburnu area was for Mehmet Dalibi, 18, who was shot in the head on Monday when police clashed with marchers defying an official ban on May Day rallies.

A group of 123 Turks who flew to Britain seeking political asylum can remain in the country while their cases are studied, a Turkish Immigration spokesman said. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fund for college

NAZARETH, Israel, May 5, (AP): A Muslim religious foundation based in Saudi Arabia has agreed to finance construction and operation of an Islamic college in Israel, the chairman of an Israeli Arab Muslim group said.

Mahmoud Dasoki, chairman of the Al Muqassad charity fund in the Israeli Arab town of Taybeh, said the college will be built in the town 10 kilometres (six miles) southeast of Nazareth.

The Muslim World League, based in Makkah agreed to finance the college, said Dasoki, whose charity is developing the college.

Microwave link

BAGHDAD, May 5, (Reuters): Iraq and Saudi Arabia have completed a microwave link which will begin operating next year, Transport and Communications Minister Mohammed Hamza Al Zubaidi said yesterday.

He said the \$16 million link will enable Iraq to use the Saudi telecommunications network to contact the Gulf states, Egypt, Sudan, Europe and the Far East and permit Saudi Arabia to contact Turkey, Jordan and Syria via the Iraqi network.

Plan to blow up bus

CAIRO, May 5, (Reuters): Five Muslim fundamentalists were charged by a prosecutor yesterday with planning to blow up a tourist bus, Egyptian security sources said.

They quoted the prosecutor as saying the five were caught buying explosives from a police informer in Naga Hammadi town in February.

The defendants face life imprisonment with hard labour if convicted, the sources said.

Mullahs pardoned

MOGADISHU, May 5, (Reuters): Somali President Mohamed Siad Barre has pardoned nine Muslim clergymen who were sentenced to death in 1987, the government said today.

A government statement said the nine — and another clergyman serving a 15-year jail term — were pardoned to mark the end of Ramadan.

The men were tried in secret on charges of conspiring to undermine the unity and sovereignty of Somalia through religious propaganda but the government has never given any details.

50,000 W. African refugees flown home

DAKAR, May 5, (Reuters): About 50,000 people fleeing ethnic riots in Senegal and Mauritania have been flown home and the airlift is nearly completed, airport and diplomatic sources said yesterday.

Some 15 per cent of the 330,000 expatriates in the two neighbouring West African countries chose to flee by air after bloody riots erupted last week over a minor border incident concerning grazing rights.

Many others elected to return home by road and across the River Senegal forming the border between the two nations. Reports from Gambia said up to 3,500 Mauritians who had fled there were also waiting to be flown home.

Mauritania refugees fleeing Senegal accused Senegalese troops of rape, beatings and theft.

They told reporters that Senegalese soldiers had stripped the clothes of their backs and stolen all their money and valuable goods.

Many women in a makeshift refugee camp in Dakar were taken back to their homes and raped before being allowed to join the airlift out of the country, they said.

Flags flew at half staff Wednesday as the Dakar government declared a national day of mourning for the Senegalese who died in ethnic violence.

Resurgence of Soviet Muslims

Call for mosques

TASHKENT, USSR, May 5, (AP): Soviet Central Asia, an arid land historically at the crossroads of caravans and conquerors, is being buffeted by resurgent Islam from the Middle East, the growing activism of its own people and political reforms from Moscow.

Freer because of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's reforms, residents of the broad band separating the country's Slavic heartland from Iran and Afghanistan are expressing long-suppressed concerns.

Sometimes the issue is Islam, particularly calls for the opening of more mosques and improvements in religious education. Sometimes the calls are for political reform, preserving the region's languages, protecting the environment or resolving ethnic disputes.

The new activism represents progress for the policies of Gorbachev, whose campaign for openness on major social issues has stirred vast areas of the Soviet Union. But it also sets the stage for a possible race between secular communist reform and revitalised Islam for the future of a land awakening from decades of complacency and political cynicism.

Much depends on the abilities of new civil and religious leaders to persuade people that more freedom can help solve their problems and not just offer an outlet for frustration. Such frustration has sparked bloodshed in other southern Soviet republics — Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia — in the Caucasus mountains region across the Caspian Sea from Central Asia.

The stakes are high. The population of the five central Asian republics is booming. From 1970 to 1987, it increased 26 per cent to 47.5 million and now makes up about 18 per cent of the Soviet population.

The future of Islam is critical to the region, which borders Iran, with its Islamic fundamentalism, and Afghanistan, where Muslim rebels fought the Soviet Army to a standstill. Both countries inspire some radicals in Soviet Central Asia.

But 36-year-old Mohammadzadey Mamayusupov, the new spiritual leader of Central Asia's Muslims, says the traditions of Soviet Muslims are strong enough that they will not be carried away by Islamic fervour from those two nations.

In any case, the influence of Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran may be limited. The vast majority of Soviet Muslims are Sunni, while Shiites are dominant in Iran. The two sects have deep historic differences.

In an interview after assuming his post last month, Mamayusupov indicated he would follow previous religious leaders in co-operating with the government, but would use Moscow's reforms policies broadly to improve religious life.

"We intend to use this moment very judiciously for the development of our religion and the renewal of its spiritual life," he said.

Mamayusupov has moved quickly where he can. Between Feb 6 and mid-March, authorities gave permission for the opening of about 35 new mosques. He pledged that "we will continue to open mosques until all the requests of our Muslims are satisfied."

Only about 200 mosques are sprinkled now across the five Central Asian republics: Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kirghizia, Turkmenia and Tadzhikistan, which occupy an area half the size of the continental United States.

The number of students in Islamic academies is doubling, and the number of Holy Qurans and other religious books being published will be greatly increased. The Kremlin is removing a Stalin-era ban on group religious education and plans to allow religious groups to organise charities.

Radicals, however, predict the increased attention to religious needs will lead more people to embrace Islamic fundamentalism.

"We need to raise the people up," said one Muslim radical who favours establishment of an Iranian-style Islamic republic. "It won't be in two, three or four years. It has to be done very quietly." He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Beyond Islamic issues, political and ethnic causes are also an important part of the Central Asian picture.

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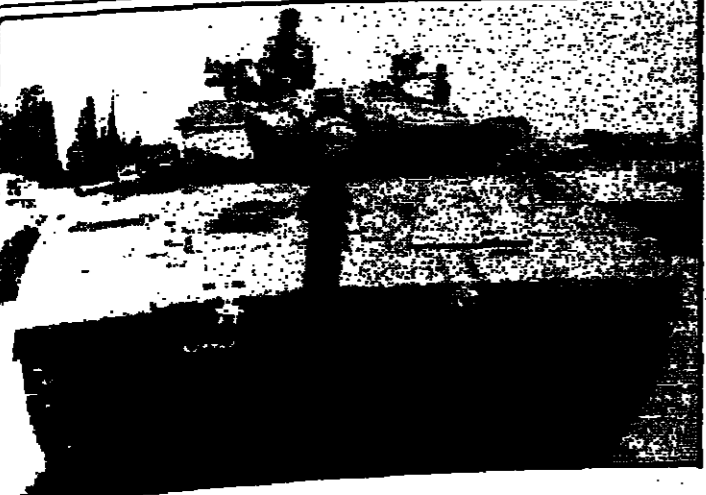
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Tank for 1990s

ISRAEL unveiled its Merkava (Chariot) Mark III main battle tank (above) on Wednesday as designers claiming it was a revolutionary forerunner of the modern armies wanted for the 1990s.

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Retired Major-General Israel Tal, project head and father of the Merkava, said the new Merkava belongs to the generation of the future, of the 1990s, and will produce their versions in years to come.

Tal said Israel now wanted to export tanks though he did not make clear if new Merkavas would be sold or only earlier models phased out of Israeli Army service.

He said the new Merkava was protected by "armour modules" — plates attached to the tank by bolts — instead of traditionally welded or cast armour.

(Reuters wirephoto)

Deal to sell nerve gas

NEWARK, New Jersey, May 5, (AP): An undercover US customs agent told a Short Hills businessman he should act quickly to buy deadly nerve gas before the government destroyed its stockpile, according to a taped conversation.

Agent Richard Kennan, who had posed as an arms dealer, was taped talking with Juhwan Yun, 48, who is charged with conspiring to export the nerve gas, known as sarin.

Federal prosecutors charge that Yun planned to buy the gas and sell through British and Korean contacts to Iran.

"Now, in your opinion, do we have a deal?" Kennan asked Yun during a taped conversation Jan 4.

"Yes," Yun said.

The defence contends Yun, who owns Summit-based Komex International Co., is involved in legitimate arms sales and became involved with the sarin gas only because Kennan entrapped him.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

NO man is rich enough to buy back his past — Oscar Wilde, Irish-born writer (1854-1900).

Riots rooted in poverty

Senegal-Mauritania conflict

By Jean-Loup Fievet

ACUTE poverty and ethnic tension between Arabic-speaking Moors and black Africans are at the root of riots which have killed several hundred people in Senegal and Mauritania and embittered relations between the two West African neighbours.

Local people and foreign diplomats in Senegal's capital Dakar agree the damage inflicted in a week of strife will take time to mend, but say neither Senegal nor Mauritania can afford to break relations because of their strong commercial ties.

"A week of violence cannot wipe out centuries of relatively peaceful cohabitation imposed upon us by geography and common interests. After all, almost all of us here have relatives or some kind of family links in Mauritania," said one Senegalese.

The unprecedented wave of looting, beatings and killings in two nations already struggling for economic survival was only contained after Army intervention.

It prompted an exodus of thousands among populations who through the generations had in practice come to ignore the border drawn by France, the former colonial master.

And it shattered Senegal's reputation as a haven of political stability and racial co-existence.

Before the unrest, up to 300,000 Mauritians, mostly hard-working traders, were in Senegal while an estimated 30,000 Senegalese lived north of the 700-km (450-mile) border formed by the Senegal River.

Moors of Arab and Berber descent, who make up two thirds of Mauritania's two million people, are mainly light-skinned. The rest are blacks of Negro-African stock, working as skilled labourers in towns and as farmers along the Senegal river.

Before independence in 1960, the lighter-skinned Arabic-speakers of the north used to dominate the black population of modern Senegal. Slavery was officially banned in Mauritania only a decade ago by the military government, where beydanes or "white" Moors still hold a dominant position.

The flare-up was sparked on April 9 by a minor border incident over grazing rights. Two Senegalese were shot dead, igniting tensions in the border region and unleashing a cycle of racial violence in the capitals Dakar and Nouakchott.

Border incidents have not been uncommon in the past but this was the first time in nearly 20 years that blood was known to have been shed. Senegalese cultivate land on both banks of the Senegal River traditionally neglected by nomadic-minded Moors but in recent years many Mauritians, pushed by persistent drought, have tried to recover these fields.

Mauritania and Senegal are partners in a regional grouping aimed at developing agriculture along the river. The ambitious scheme, which provides for the building of dams and water reservoirs, has exacerbated the scramble for farm land.

In Senegal, widespread looting in towns and villages was spearheaded by gangs of unemployed youths who ransacked Mauritanian-owned shops. Many Senegalese finding it hard to make ends meet joined in.

"The border incident was only a pretext. Unemployment, inflation and insecurity in towns are a breeding ground for such acts of hooliganism," Serigne Diouf, a law professor at Dakar university told a meeting of intellectuals.

The former French colony, which has few resources other than groundnuts and phosphates, has been implementing tough austerity measures in the past decade as a condition for financial help from international donors.

Both governments have carefully avoided issuing inflammatory statements since the start of the conflict. Senegal President Abdou Diouf, while blaming Mauritania for the April 9 border incident and the killings in Nouakchott, appealed for an end to revenge killings.

"Mauritania and Senegal are two sister nations with the same destiny and interests and are consequently condemned to live together," he said. (Reuters)

PRESS REVIEW

Arafat's diplomatic triumph

TWO Arab dailies today underlined the importance of the visit to Paris by president of the state of Palestine Yasser Arafat and considered the visit a triumph for Palestinian diplomacy.

Al Wihdah newspaper said Arafat's visit to France, in its capacity as a big power and a permanent member of the UN Security Council, will give new impetus to the Palestine question and will encourage other Western governments to take a similar step.

What is more important than Arafat's visit is France's recognition of the state of Palestine, said the paper.

In Cairo, semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram lashed out at the Israeli policy toward the Palestinians and the Palestinian state. Israel's constant but alleged fears from the "ghost" of the Palestine state is "alien, unacceptable and even silly," it said.

While Israel wants the PLO to abandon its national charter, Tel Aviv itself is still abiding by its charter by means of which Israel practices real terrorism, Al-Ahram said.

The paper wondered how could Israel, a state armed to teeth with the most lethal weapons, be scared of a state that has not materialised yet. (KUNA)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1527 — Troops under Charles, Duke of Bourbon, mutiny, kill the duke and pillage Rome, killing about 4,000 inhabitants.
- 1576 — Fifth war of religion in France ends by Peace of Monsieur.
- 1757 — Prussia's King Frederick II defeats Holy Roman Empire forces at Prague.
- 1839 — Britain's House of Commons passes bill to suspend Jamaica's constitution after riots due to emancipation of slaves.
- 1877 — Britain sends Russia note warning it against attempted blockade of Suez or occupation of Egypt.
- 1882 — United States bans Chinese immigration for ten years.
- 1913 — Montenegro's King Nicholas yields Scutari to central powers until Albanian government is created.
- 1932 — France's President Paul Doumer is murdered by Russian immigrant.
- 1937 — German dirigible Hindenburg explodes and burns on landing at Lakehurst, New Jersey, killing 36 passengers.
- 1941 — Joseph Stalin becomes Soviet premier, succeeding V.M. Molotov.
- 1942 — US Filipino forces on island of Corregidor in Manila Bay surrender to Japanese in World War II.
- 1964 — South Africa passes Bantu laws amendment bill.
- 1976 — Earthquake strikes northeastern Italy, about 900 bodies are recovered and 400 people are reported missing.
- 1978 — UN Security Council condemns South Africa for invading Angola and demands withdrawal.
- 1988 — Church and mediators condemn police raid on striking steelworkers in southern Poland.

Dictator's centenary stirs Portuguese rightists

By Paul Ames

COMMEMORATION of the 15th anniversary of Portugal's "Revolution of the carnations" overshadowed the April 28 centenary of the birth of Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, the man who founded a fascist dictatorship that lasted half a century.

But leaders of Portugal's extreme right, banished to the political sidelines by the April 25, 1974, leftist uprising, say Salazar's anniversary marks the start of a new strategy to regain influence in now democratic Portugal.

Miguel Castelo Branco, general secretary of new monarchy, a leading nationalist group, plans to end the radical right's days in the wilderness with the creation next month of the National Force-New Monarchy (FNNM).

He is confident the new movement will galvanize the diverse groups of monarchists, ultra-nationalists and Roman Catholic conservatives that make up Portugal's far right into a political force capable of winning seats in the 1992 European Parliament elections.

The Portuguese Monarchy was overthrown by a Republican revolution Oct 5, 1910. Dom Duarte, the 44-year-old duke of Braganza, is the pretender.

New Monarchy maintains links with foreign nationalist parties, including the French National Front and the Italian Social Movement, whose deputies sit in the European right group in the 12-nation European community assembly.

Nationalist parties have obtained less than 2 per cent of the vote in all Portuguese national elections since 1974, but a recent poll published in the centre-right Lisbon weekly O Independente showed as many as 6 per cent of Portuguese voters considered themselves extreme rightists.

"Many young Portuguese are disillusioned with the major parties and enthusiastic about nationalist and monarchist ideas," said Prof. Jacinto Ferreira, a former deputy in Salazar's national union and a founder of new monarchy.

Ferreira, 84, outlines a corporative alternative to parliamentary society, with a ruling monarch backed by popular opinion reflected in "organic institutions" such as municipalities, universities, trade unions and the church.

Castelo Branco stresses the continuity between the ideology of the FNNM and Salazar's "new state", saying the movement aims "to maintain, divulge and update the messages of the social-Christian state of Dr Salazar."

Portugal's extreme right emphasizes the country's maritime past and its former overseas empire. They accuse socialist politicians who granted independence to Portugal's colonies in the mid-1970s of betraying Angola, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde and Sao Tome and Principe of Soviet imperialism.

"We did great work in Africa. They were almost ready for independence without war and the revolution... it was such a pity it came with violence," Ferreira said.

Castelo Branco hopes the FNNM will win support from the one million Portuguese settlers who returned from Africa after independence and are angry with a perceived lack of support from Portugal's centre-right Social Democratic government, which has extensive aid plans for Marxist Angola and Mozambique.

Reviving old Salazarist ideas of a Portuguese-speaking Commonwealth, Castelo Branco believes Portuguese liberties and traditions can be preserved by stronger links with Brazil and the former African

Days in the wilderness will be over



Political graffiti still adorn many walls in Portugal, a legacy of the 1974 revolution which toppled Portuguese fascism.

colonies. His movements is sympathetic to anti-government rebels in both Angola and Mozambique.

French, British and West German extreme-right groups have some members known for their virulent opposition to the presence of large numbers of Asian, African and Muslim immigrants in their countries.

Castelo Branco firmly denies accusations of racism against his organisation, saying the FNNM favours the incorporation of Portugal's estimated 50,000-strong Cape Verdean community into Portuguese society.

There have been some recent assaults by extremists youths on black and Indian residents in Portugal, but Castelo Branco says the attackers

draw their inspiration from rightist groups abroad rather than from the FNNM. Both Castelo Branco and Francisco Tomar, the president of the Lisbon-based Cape Verdean Association, attribute such attacks largely to frustration over unemployment and are hearing about such actions in other European countries.

"Racism is contrary to Portuguese traditions," Castelo Branco said. "During the colonial era, the blacks of Guinea, the Indians of Goa and the Chinese of Macau were all our brothers."

Francisco Tomar, however, says racism indeed exists in Portugal. "You see it every day. On the bus, people would rather stand than sit beside me, what they call a coloured person," he says.

First Soviet-Chinese summit in 30 years

... of melons, Mandarin lessons and migrant workers

By John-Thor Dahlburg

IT began with 200 tons of watermelons the Chinese were worried might rot. Hoisting a white flag to the top of a watchtower, they summoned Soviet soldiers on the other bank of the blue-grey Amur River to a meeting.

The KGB border guards went, then reported back to officials in this Siberian city 3,500 miles (5,600 kilometres) east of Moscow: the Chinese wanted to deal. After some discussion, Blagoveshchensk authorities dispatched a barge to pick up the melons, giving the cuisine a load of fertilizer in exchange.

That modest barter arrangement in 1987 was the beginning of cross-border trade that grew to the equivalent of \$81 million in 1988 between Soviet Union's Amur region, where Blagoveshchensk is located, and the neighbouring Chinese province of Heilongjiang.

In this city of 210,000 people that boomed during a 19th-century gold rush, Russians once worried the Chinese

might be coming.

In the 1960s, when China was in the throes of the cultural revolution and ideological and border disputes poisoned relations with Moscow, huge portraits of Mao Tse-tung sprouted on the shore in the city of Heihe, one kilometre (a half-mile) across the Amur.

Chinese tanks and military vehicles manoeuvred on the icebound river, flaunting China's military might. Mao's frontier troops even bared their buttocks to mock their Soviet counterparts, recalled Capt. Alexander M. Kirushin, commander of the city's 50-man border guard detachment.

"We were frightened and ready to evacuate," said Irina Alexandreyeva, 62, then a hospital nurse. "We were prepared for anything: the Chinese could have crossed."

Now, Blagoveshchensk government and business leaders want them to. They're courting workers, investors and potential trading partners from the other side of the Amur in a bid to end chronic

consumer shortages and fire a local economic boom.

"In our region, there's no way to avoid external economic relations: We border on our great neighbour, the People's Republic of China," said Vladimir Vechinkin, first-deputy chairman of government in the Amur region, an area the size of Finland with slightly more than one million residents.

As President Mikhail S. Gorbachev prepares to travel to Beijing this month for the first Soviet-Chinese summit in 30 years, Blagoveshchensk is being touted by Soviet officials as a showcase for what better relations have accomplished and how profitable they are for all.

It is, admittedly, a typical example. Soviet-Chinese border trade totalled 88 million rubles (\$146 million) last year, according to the Soviet Foreign Trade Ministry. That means deals made in the Amur region accounted for more than half the commerce along the 5,000-mile (8,000-kilometre) frontier.

But in Blagoveshchensk, the changes

are graphic, because the Chinese are already here, and more are on the way.

On the fifth floor of what will someday be the tourist hotel, Ni Zhi Fa, 34, and other Chinese workers slash mortar onto tiles as part of a 7.3-million-ruble (\$12 million) contract for painting, tiling and other finishing work on three buildings awarded in September to a Heihe construction company.

"We need to increase construction three-fold by the year 2000 and build 64 new enterprises, but we have a shortage of building trades specialists," said Anatoly S. Lagutin, chief of the regional construction organisation Amurstroi. "The Chinese have the specialists, and a talent for manual work."

They also come cheap: each of the 100 Chinese working in Blagoveshchensk earns about 2.70 rubles (\$4.50) a day, or about one-fourth the average Soviet industrial worker's wage. They're housed in an Amurstroi dormitory and fed by a Chinese chef at Soviet expense.

When the tourist hotel opens, Blagoveshchensk will also finally have its own Chinese restaurant, giving residents and visitors to this city next door to China a place to buy a cup of wonton soup or an egg roll.

For the past 2 1/2 years, classrooms at middle school No. 14 have resounded to the voices of blond Russian children singing songs or reciting verse in Mandarin. All 1,160 students learn Chinese.

It's a modest budding of interest in Chinese culture, especially compared with instruction in other foreign languages, like English, which is taught in hundreds of Blagoveshchensk's 600 schools. But principal Albina N. Dimnich expects to hire two more Chinese teachers this year to meet increased demand.

"All parents of my pupils tell their kids: study hard, and maybe in the future you'll become a specialist in Chinese and help develop relations between our countries," says Alexander Trukhin, another language teacher at school No. 14.



Monarchy still strong in Asia

By Clayton Jones

LIKE old generals, monarchies and aristocracy in Southeast Asia don't die.

They just fade away — and very slowly — despite a modern mix of dictators, republicans, and communists among the region's 10 nations.

In recent weeks, Southeast Asia has been reminded of its historic penchant for royalty, with many people still believing that power resides more in high persons than in institutions.

In March, for instance, Indonesia witnessed a young man, wearing a diamond-studded black velvet jacket, assume the throne of one of the few remaining sultanates in the country, located in the central island of Java.

More than one million followers celebrated the investiture, a remnant of a 15th century Javanese empire. After his coronation, Prince Mangkunegara rode in a royal carriage drawn by eight white horses. Unlike his father, who died last year, the new sultan of Jogjakarta had his powers curtailed by the modern government in Jakarta.

In Malaysia, a new king was chosen on March 2 by his fellow sultans. Azlan Muhiuddin Shah officially became king on April 26, and will serve for five years. Unlike previous kings, he is expected to provoke a political conflict with the elected prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad, under the country's constitutional monarchy.

Kampuchea, ruled by King Norodom Sihanouk until the mid-1950s, may see a settlement of its long conflict this year with

Sihanouk coming back to the capital, but perhaps only as a figurehead.

"You can't suppress 2,400 years of Kampuchean history," says Sihanouk's son, Prince Norodom Ranariddh. "Maybe a monarchy is the best solution. But Kampuchea is too complicated now."

In the Philippines, President Corason Aquino battles daily to roll back the legacy of a pseudo-monarchist style that Ferdinand Marcos left behind after two decades of rule. Many Filipinos grew accustomed to Marcos' imperious leadership, which included dispensing favours in grand displays of power, and having his image carved into a huge rock outcropping and impressed on gold watches for courtiers.

After helping to restore democracy three years ago, Aquino has often been expected by many here to wield the same power, even as she tries to displace it.

In Brunei, Sultan Sir Hassanal Bolkiah is a hereditary ruler. In the former kingdom of Laos, which has been communist-run for more than a decade, a member of the ex-royal family was president until 1986. Prince Souphanouvong was a founding member of Laos's Communist Party.

The region's strongest monarchy is in Thailand, where a much respected king is expected to retire soon. The crown prince, however, is not widely considered as well suited to the throne, and some analysts expect the king's daughter to be chosen as the next monarch.

1989, The Christian Science Monitor.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Market turns mixed

Trade volume, value dip

THE Alshail Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 38.74 points with an increase of 0.11 point — 0.28 per cent — over last week's average. The Alshail index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 67.51 points with an increase of 0.44 point — 0.65 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshail weekly market report.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 28.63 million shares at a daily average of 5.73 million shares with a decrease of 34 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 12.53 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 3.66 million shares at a daily average of 0.73 million shares with a decrease of 58 per cent from last week's daily average of 1.73 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD11.56 million at a daily average of KD2.31 million, a decrease of 48 per cent from last week's daily average of KD4.43 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.186 million at a daily average of KD0.037 million, a decrease of 54 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.080 million.

The market gave signs of mixed activity reflected in both the Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti shares market, however more inclined to the weak side especially at the end of the week.

This mixed activity could be attributed to the recent declarations which stated that solutions to the problems are to be implemented but some people fear that these solutions might not be appropriate.

Until the end of last week nothing of what will be implemented was clear as many rumours were circulated which were often contradictory to the others.

However "we believe that the most that could happen — if anything is implemented in the first place — is the issuing of some reports and laws concerning investment regulation together more flexible treatment of banks to the small debtors. Although we cannot evaluate these solutions before they are implemented, still we believe that the market will only be temporarily affected in both prices and volume of trade."

No companies have declared dividend distributions last week which decreases any hope of new distributions.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector had the lead at 62.5 per cent of total trading against 73 per cent last week.

The National Bank of Kuwait led at 30 per cent followed by Gulf Bank at 22 per cent and Kuwait Finance House at 17 per cent. The investment sector came second at 20 per cent of which Kuwait Investment Projects had the lead at 56 per cent followed by National Investments at 22 per cent and International Financial Advisors at 10 per cent. Third came the services sector at 16 per cent of total market trading in which Mobile Telephone Systems led at 72 per cent followed by Public Warehousing at 17 per cent and Kuwait Commercial Markets at 12 per cent.

For the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain International Bank led at 28.5 per cent followed by Umm-AlQuain Cement at 28 per cent and Coast Investment and Development Company at 23 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 03/05/89	Wednesday 26/04/89	Change points
Banking Sector	112.35	112.35	—
The National Bank	33.25	33.69	-0.44
The Gulf Bank	25.03	25.47	-0.44
The Commercial Bank			

Al Ahli Bank	33.81	33.30	0.50
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	31.44	31.44	—
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	29.14	29.14	—
Burgan Bank	29.24	29.24	—
Kuwait Finance House	79.92	79.10	0.82
Sector Index	47.70	47.57	0.03

Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	17.45	17.45	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	12.03	10.65	1.37
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	67.46	63.49	3.97
IFA	31.62	35.29	-3.68
Commercial Facilities	115.50	116.88	-1.38

National Investments	63.73	63.73	—
Kuwait Investment Proj.	91.01	87.64	3.37
Sector Index	32.82	32.48	0.34

Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	35.28	35.28	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	27.69	27.69	—
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	47.74	47.74	—
Warba Insurance Co.	58.42	58.42	—
Sector Index	36.55	36.55	—

Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	15.80	15.80	—
United Realty	6.25	6.25	—
National Real Estate	35.83	35.83	—
Sector Index	13.40	13.40	—

Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	11.59	11.59	—
Refrigeration Indust.	83.45	83.45	—
Cable	110.87	110.87	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	78.22	78.22	—
Sector Index	39.46	39.46	—

Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	162.00	162.00	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	69.70	68.69	1.01
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	37.75	37.75	—
Mobile Telephone Syst.	285.71	271.43	14.29
Sector Index	55.28	53.62	1.67

Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
United Fisheries	10.62	10.62	—
Kuwait United Poultry	83.61	83.61	—
Kuwait Food Co.	67.82	66.67	1.15
Sector Index	35.88	35.88	0.20
Overall Index	38.74	38.63	0.11

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index			
Wednesday 03/05/89	Wednesday 26/04/89	Change points	
First Gulf Bank	144.74	144.74	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	86.90	85.52	1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	89.22	90.17	-0.95
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	77.14	0.95
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	49.24	49.24	—
Umm Al Quain Cement	17.62	17.62	—
Gulf Medical Projects	21.15	20.83	0.32
Total Index	67.51	67.07	0.44

—Base period 31/12/1983.
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

Gulf Air resumes flights to Iran

MANAMA, Bahrain, May 5, (AP). Gulf Air announced yesterday it was resuming flights to Iran after interruption of more than eight years because of the Iran-Iraq war.

Abdullah Abdul Kerim, public relations director for the Manama-based airline, told the Gulf News Agency that the first flight will be on May 13 from Abu Dhabi to Shiraz. There will be two flights a week on that run plus a third from the Qatari capital of Doha to Shiraz, the capital of central Fars province, about 900 kilometres (540 miles) south of Tehran.

The airline is owned by the governments of Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Flights
The company was studying the resumption of flights to other Iranian cities in the "foreseeable future," he said.

Gulf Air resumed its flights to Iraq in March.

The flights were suspended after the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war in September 1980 because of security considerations.

The war came to a halt with a United Nations-arranged ceasefire last Aug 20 and Gulf Air officials had said they would wait to ascertain that the situation had stabilised before resuming the flights.

Oman shelves Tornado, orders Hawks

NICOSIA, May 5, (Reuters). Oman's decision to shelve the advanced Tornado in favour of less sophisticated Hawk aircraft could save \$200 million, military experts said today.

The Hawks are much cheaper to buy and much less expensive to operate, a military expert following Gulf arms deals said.

Oman said on Wednesday it could not afford eight supersonic Tornados it had ordered due to a drop in oil revenues.

"During talks with the British government, Oman has expressed its wish to stop the Tornado deal," the official Oman News Agency, received in Cyprus, said on Wednesday.

One of the Tornado versions in service in Britain costs about \$32 million. Experts said the single-engine Hawk cost about \$12 million.

"That is very considerable saving for an economy which is very short," a military expert said.

Deal
The Oman deal was the first export success for Munich-based Panavia, the consortium which manufactures the Tornado.

A British diplomat in Muscat said by telephone Oman was not cancelling the Tornado deal but was postponing it indefinitely.

"The word is suspend... they are not cancelling the deal. The decision was taken with the knowledge of the British government," he said.

Military experts said Oman had already put a downpayment on the multi-role Tornados with British Aerospace (BAE) after concluding the \$360-million contract in 1985.

One expert said: "The Hawk is a much simpler plane with good ground attack capability and the British use some for air defence but the aircraft is limited in air defence."

Alitalia pilots call off strike

ROME, May 5, (Reuters). Alitalia airline pilots called off five days of strikes planned to start today and cabin crew reached agreement on a pay deal, ending an 18-month contract dispute.

Trade unions representing hostesses and stewards said early today they had signed a wages agreement lasting until December 1990 with Alitalia.



Surrounded by a bevy of beauties, singer Julio Iglesias introduces a new fragrance, named Only, at a press conference in New York on Wednesday. "Women, all women, are my most profound inspiration," explained Iglesias when telling reporters why he created the new scent. (Reuters wirephoto)

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international debut next fall.

"Women, all women, are my most profound inspiration," the 46-year-old Iglesias, whose family wanted him to become a career diplomat, told a packed news conference at the Hotel Pierre.

"For all that women have given me, I wanted to give them something in return," he said.

US jobless rate jumps

WASHINGTON, May 5, (Reuters). The US civilian unemployment rate jumped to 5.3 per cent last month from a 15-year low of 5.0 per cent in March as the pace of job growth declined sharply, the Labour Department said today.

The number of jobs rose by only 117,000 in April, the smallest gain since June 1986 when they declined, the department said. There were 171,000 jobs created in March.

The jobs report, the government's first review of the economy's performance in April, supported mounting evidence that the economy is slowing under the weight of rising interest rates over the past year.

Growth
Last month's job growth, which was mostly in service-producing industries, was far smaller than the 228,000 increase expected by Wall Street economists.

The number of service-producing jobs rose by 112,000 in April, while goods-producing jobs, which shrank in February and March, edged up by only 5,000 last month.

The job-creation slowdown may further ease concern that the economy is overheating and is likely to reduce the chances that the Federal Reserve Board will increase interest rates further, economists said.

Khorafi to visit Egypt
CAIRO, May 5, (KUNA). Kuwait's Minister of Finance Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi will pay a visit to Egypt on May 14 at the invitation of Egyptian Minister of Economy and External Trade Dr Youssef Mustafa.

The visit aims at discussing bilateral economic relations and spheres of co-operation in the investment sector.

The delegation which will accompany Khorafi will include deputy managing-director of the Kuwait Investment Authority Bader Al Rashid, director of the economic organisations Khaled Al Rebaian and other officials.

Gold drops

LONDON, May 5, (AP). The dollar was fluctuating in a narrow range in Europe late this morning, with trading made nervous by the prospect of central bank intervention later during the session.

Gold prices fell. Supported by relatively high US interest rates, and expectations that interest rates may rise even further, the market was bidding the dollar up, traders said.

International monetary authorities. On the other side, were ready to intervene and stop the dollar's advance, they said.

One Italian trader said the central banks were likely to wait until after the release of the US unemployment report for April at 1:30 pm (1230 GMT).

The Tokyo market was closed for Children's Day, a national holiday. In London, the dollar was quoted at 134.25 yen Thursday, compared with late Thursday's 133.95 yen.

Other dollar rates at mid-morning, compared with late Thursday: — 1.8955 West German marks, up from 1.8915

— 1.6910 Swiss francs, up from 1.6860

— 6.3970 French francs, up from 6.3875

— 2,1361 Dutch guilders, up from 2,1290

— 1,384.50 Italian lire, up from 1,380.00

— 1,1835 Canadian dollars, down from 1,1841

In London, the British pound fell to 1.6768 dollars, compared with \$1.6841 Thursday.

Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$376.80 a troy ounce, down from \$378.25 bid late Thursday. At mid-morning today, the city's five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$377.30.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$377.20 down from \$397.00 bid late Wednesday. The market was closed Thursday.

Earlier in Hong Kong, gold fell 75 cents to close at a bid \$378.41.

Silver was quoted in London for at a bid price of \$5.63 a troy ounce, down from Thursday's \$5.66.

In London share prices were slightly higher at midday today, ahead of US unemployment figures for April, due to be released later in the day.

The US unemployment report, to be released at 1:30 pm (1230 GMT), could help determine the near-term course of the market, which now stands just below its post-crash best levels, traders said. The report will be scrutinised for evidence that the US economy is slowing, which could take the upward pressure off of interest rates, they said.

The dollar has been riding high in recent days, defying repeated central bank intervention as the stability of President George Bush's first 100 days in office attracts investors skittish about turmoil abroad.

The 8900 Lines wishes to announce: Thames Shipping Ltd. has joined the 8900 Lines rate agreement effective April 26, 1989
Anthony A. De Giglio Vice Chairman

Oil prices rebound

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON (Alpha Stocks)			LONDON (Beta Stocks)		
NAME	LAST	CHG	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ABEY LFE	279.0		2ND ALLCE	890.0	889.0
ADT LTD	173.0		600 GROUP	125.0	126.0
ALD LYONS	466.0		A.AMER TS	439.0	440.0
AMSTRAD	113.0		A.B.ELECT	408.0	408.0
ARGYLL GP	190.0		A.S.W.HLD	275.0	275.0
ASDA GP	162.0		AAB KENT	112.0	112.0
BAA	377.0		AAN HLD	399.0	400.0
BAT INDS	376.0		AARONSON	111.0	111.0
BATLAYS	449.0		ADJUST	171.0	170.0
BASS	950.0		ALEX WRKW	190.0	191.0
BEAZER	195.0		ALEXON	386.0	386.0
BEECHAM	625.0		ALLD IR B	318.0	318.0
BERTSFORD	156.0		ALLD LON	154.0	151.0
BICC PLC	512.0		ALLD PART	73.0	73.0
BLUE ARW	98.0		ALLIANCE	001.0	000.0
BLUE CIRC	548.0		AMBER DAY	53.0	53.0
BUC GP	493.0		AMEC	465.0	465.0
BOOTS CO	293.0		AMER TST	138.0	138.0
BPB INDS	243.0		AMERSHAM	491.0	492.0
BR COMM	206.0		AMH HLTHC	350.0	351.0
BR AIRWAY	200.0		ANGIA SC	390.0	393.0
BR AEROSP	599.0		ANGIA TV	272.0	274.0
BR CAS RG	178.0		ANSBACHER	77.0	76.0
BR LAND	374.0		APPLYDAY	182.0	181.0
B.P.	284.0		APV PLC	147.0	147.0
B.P.FP	284.0		ASHLEY LA	101.0	100.0
BR STEEL	86.0		AUS REE A	246.0	247.0
BR TELCOM	267.0		AUST REE	390.0	390.0
BURMAN OL	558.0		AUTO SECS	286.0	286.0
BURTON	215.0		AVESCO	147.0	148.0
CABLEMIR	496.0		AVIS EUR	416.0	417.0
CADBURY	355.0		AVON RUBB	599.0	598.0
CALGRUP	392.0		B.MERHILL	243.0	243.0
CLINT COM	853.0		BAILL JAP	540.0	541.0
COATS YIT	164.0		BAILL SHI	97.0	97.0
COOKSON	321.0		BAIRD (V)	249.0	250.0
COURTAULD	325.0		BANK IRE	302.0	303.0
DALGETY	357.0		BANKER IT	90.0	90.0
DIXONS	139.0		BARDON GP	173.0	173.0
ENG CHINA	537.0		BARRY DEV	198.0	197.0
ENTER OIL	550.0		BAYNES C	34.0	35.0
FKI BABCK	167.0		BBA GROUP	196.0	196.0
FERRANTI	107.0		BEAR BRND	11.6	12.0
FISONS	304.0		BEATTIE J	158.0	158.0
GATEWAY	193.0		BELHAY	51.4	52.0
GEN ACCID	940.0		BELLMAN	247.0	247.0
GEN ELEC	239.0		BENROSE	237.0	236.0
GLAXO	382.0		BENLOX HD	66.4	67.0
GRANADA	344.0		BENKELEY	234.0	235.0
GLOBE	175.0		BH GROUP	133.0	133.0
GLYMEED	304.0		BK OF SCO	93.0	93.0
GUARD RYL	207.0		BLCK LE 2	11.6	11.6
GUKL	386.0		BN GROUP	443.0	443.0
GUINNESS	472.0		BNETT + F	90.0	91.0
HUMBERS A	805.0		BOASE MAS	321.0	319.0
HANSON	194.0		BODDINGTON	166.0	165.0
HARRISON C	177.0		BODY SHOP	542.0	543.0
HAKER SID	703.0		BOTH HENR	485.0	488.0
HILLSDOWN	262.0		BORTHWICK	42.0	42.0
IMI	233.0		BR ARROW	114.0	115.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1761.3	1758.1	1707.9	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	0	1202.6	1195.5	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	0	90.77	83.99	1076.15
FT GOV SEC	0	86.92	86.64	87.30
FT GOLD MN	0	173.73	173.0	161.9
FT MINES F	0	58.91	63.65	565.31
FT OIL	0	1988.7	2009.3	1725.4
FT MLD DLR	145.39	145.22	145.43	141.17
FT MLD STG	128.04	127.93	127.92	123.81
FT MLD LOC	134.19	134.10	134.13	129.77

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS OPEN FIRMER IN QUIET BUSINESS

LONDON, MAY 5, REUTER - SHARES OPENED FIRMER IN QUIET BUSINESS DESPITE YESTERDAY'S LOWER WALL STREET CLOSE. DEALERS SAID TRADING MAY CONTINUE QUIET UNTIL WALL STREET'S OPENING AFTER THE RELEASE OF APRIL U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT DATA AT 1230 GMT.

BAT WAS 14P WEAKER AT 540 AFTER A CALIFORNIA COURT RULING REQUIRING INSURANCE COMPANIES TO CUT MOTOR AND PROPERTY PREMIUMS. BAT OWNS U.S. INSURER FARMER. ROYAL INSURANCE WAS 4P DOWN AT 415 AND SUN ALLIANCE ONE PENNY LOWER AT 1,180.

AT 0805 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 2.5 POINTS UP AT 2,121.5.

TRUSTHOUSE FORTIS WAS THE MOST ACTIVELY TRADED ISSUE AND UP 16P AT 319P.

A FRONT PAGE STORY IN BRITAIN'S GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER TODAY SAID THE COMPANY FACES A POTENTIAL 2.9 BILLION STG TAKEOVER.

THE UNDISCLOSED REPORT SAID TALKS ALREADY WERE UNDERWAY IN LONDON AIMED AT PUTTING TOGETHER A CONSORTIUM WHICH COULD LAUNCH THE BID. NO SPECIFIC PARTIES WERE MENTIONED.

ONE TRADER SAID, "THIS RISE IN THE SHARE PRICE IS ABSOLUTELY LUDICROUS. THE OPTIONS MARKET SHOULD MAKE SOME MONEY OUT OF THIS ARTICLE (ABOUT TRUSTHOUSE) BUT UNTIL SOLID NEWS EMERGES THERE'S NO REASON TO PUSH THE STOCK SO HARD."

London Gold

LONDON, MAY 5, REUTER - GOLD BULLION OPENED SLIGHTLY EASIER THIS MORNING AND SUBSEQUENTLY HELD IN A NARROW TRADING RANGE. GOLD WAS FIXED AT 377.30 DLR AN OUNCE ONCE AGAIN TO AN OPENING OF 377.00/377.50 AND THURSDAY'S 378.00/378.50 CLOSE.

DEALERS SAID GOLD DRIFTED LOWER THIS MORNING REFLECTING SLIGHT OVERNIGHT LOSSES IN NEW YORK FUTURES AND THE FIRMER DOLLAR. OVERALL SENTIMENT REMAINS BEARISH ALTHOUGH DEALERS SEE SUPPORT AT 375 DLR.

TRADING IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN QUIET WITH OPERATORS ADJUSTING THEIR POSITIONS AHEAD OF TODAY'S U.S. EMPLOYMENT REPORT FOR APRIL DUE AT 1230 GMT.

London Money Market

LONDON, MAY 5, REUTER - BRITISH INTEREST RATES WERE QUIETLY UNCHANGED AT THE START OF WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE ANOTHER SLACK SESSION. SOME DEALERS DETECTED 1/32 POINT LOSSES IN PLACES BUT OTHERWISE THE MARKET WAS MORTUOUS.

TODAY'S U.S. APRIL EMPLOYMENT REPORT, DUE AT 1230 GMT, COULD SPARK SOME ACTIVITY IF WIDELY DIFFERENT FROM EXPECTATIONS BUT WILL OTHERWISE PASS WITHOUT MUCH COMMENT. "I EXPECT TO SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT TO LUNCHES. THEY'LL COME BACK AND LOOK AT THE FIGURES AND THEN GO OUT AGAIN," SAID ONE DEALER.

THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS QUOTED AT 12-15/16 13/16 PCT, SLIGHTLY DOWN ON LAST NIGHT'S 12-15/16 7/8 PCT CLOSE.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
STG 1.6830/40	1.6850/55	1.8871/79	6.3735/55	NOON
DMK HOLIDAY		3.1785/1820	10.7205/7425	NOON
FFR HOLIDAY				FIX
SFR HOLIDAY				NOON
HFL HOLIDAY				FIX
ECU HOLIDAY				CLSE
SDR 1.28985	0.766081	2.43859	8.23311	CLSE
YEN 133.83/93	225.21/54			NOON
SDR RATE	03/05/1989	OTHERS	04/05/1989	

ABBOTT LAB	79/4	79/4	MEPHORTH	280/20	279/0	RUGBY GRP	195/0	190/0
BKR DREDGE	160/0	160/0	KESTAIR	227/0	226/0	RUTLAND T	45/0	46/1
BKR VITA	265/0	265/0	KEYWOOD W	292/0	291/0	SAGA GRP	295/0	295/0
BREAT CHE	143/4	144/0	KICKSIN W	240/0	240/0	SATE TLNY	208/0	208/0
BREWER WKR	386/0	386/0	RIGGS HIL	371/0	370/0	SALVESEN	139/0	140/0
BRIDON	192/0	193/0	HMBRO CITY	47/0	48/0	SALLVILLE G	54/0	55/0
BRITAIN SE	193/0	193/0	HMBRD 20P	229/0	230/0	SAVOY 'AM	863/0	855/0
BRITANNIC	395/0	394/0	HNTR SPHR	152/4	155/0	SCHR. GLOB	282/0	282/0
BRITXON E	397/0	398/0	HOLMES PR	105/0	105/0	SCOT HERI	177/0	176/0
BRN & JAC	45/0	45/0	HOMDEN GP	154/0	154/0	SCOT MET	169/0	169/0
BROWN SHI	349/0	350/0	HOPKINSON	76/0	76/0	SCOT MET	125/0	125/0
BRYANT GP	116/0	116/0	HTV GROUP	115/0	116/0	SCOT. AM. I	105/0	105/0
BSG INTL	76/4	76/4	ICE. FZ. FD	346/0	345/0	SCT NAT C	50/0	50/0
BSR INTL	61/0	61/0	IMRY M.DV	442/0	442/0	SCT NAT I	98/2	98/0
BUDGENS	146/0	146/0	INDOPNT W	15/0	15/0	SCT NAT W	13/0	13/0
BULLOUGH	184/0	185/0	INNOV PLC	33/4	33/4	SECS TST	125/2	125/1
BULMER HP	148/0	170/0	INT. BU. CM	149/0	148/0	SELCTY 1P	18/0	18/0
CAIDR GP	626/0	625/0	INT. CITY	61/0	63/0	SEMA GRP	319/0	320/0
CALENDONIA	374/0	372/0	JHNSN&FIR	55/4	55/4	SHANDWICK	136/0	135/0
CAMB ELEC	233/0	233/0	JOS HEDRS	148/0	148/0	SHERATON S	89/0	90/0
CANFORD E	270/0	271/0	KALAHAZOO	31/4	32/0	SHIRE INV	255/0	255/0
CANIKING W	270/0	269/0	KALON GRP	38/4	38/4	SIMON ENG	393/0	392/0
CANNON ST	259/0	260/0	KELT ENGR	57/0	58/0	SINGER&FR	68/0	68/0
CAP. RADIO	739/0	739/0	KELTY CHY	145/0	145/0	SMITH D	270/0	271/0
CARADON	360/0	359/0	KLMT 05	154/4	155/0	SOUND DIF	22/0	22/0
CATTLE HD	75/0	76/0	KLURT SML	182/0	182/0	SPRING RAM	130/0	131/0
CAULDON	12/4	12/4	KWIK SAVE	444/0	445/0	SPRX-SARC	236/0	235/0
CENTL TVT	755/0	753/0	KWIK-FIT	119/0	119/0	ST. ANDREW	210/0	211/0
CHAM PHRR	224.0	222.0	LAING 'A'	351/0	351/0	ST. WOODEN	40/0	40/0
CHARPETER	23/2	23/2	LAINO ORD	350/0	351/0	STAKIS	108/0	108/0
CHRISTIE	46/0	47/0	LAINO PRP	510/0	510/0	STEETLEY	423/0	423/0
CHRISTES	867/0	865/0	LATID GRP	269/0	270/0	STENDH PR	226/0	225/0
CI GROUP	49/0	49/0	LAURANCE V	151/0	152/0	STOODARD	47/0	47/0
CITYFARM	321/0	322/0	LDN & MET	187/0	187/0	STORMJOUR	20/4	21/0
CNPK PK NW	913/0	050/0	LDN ATLAN	310/0	311/0	STURGE-ND	255/0	255/0
CNTL RES	63/0	63/0	LDN INTL	214/0	213/0	T. I. P. E	193/0	193/0
CNTL OIL	192/0	187/0	LDN UTO	70/0	67/0	TELEMETRX	43/0	44/0
COALITE	404/0	403/0	LDNWDIN	149/0	149/0	TELETRAC	25/0	25/0
COLLOLL	176/0	176/0	LDNWDIN GROUP	166/0	166/0	THAMES TV	443/0	440/0
CONNELLS	219/0	220/0	LIF SERVC	378/0	378/0	THORNTONS	144/0	144/0
COOPER F	160/0	160/0	LIFE SCIE	72/0	72/0	THROGHTN	89/0	89/0
COSTAIN	319/0	318/0	LILLET FJ	67/4	67/4	TI GROUP	443/0	443/0
COURTINS FR	191/0	192/0	LIT	134/0	135/0	TIE RACK	66/0	67/0
COWIE (T)	132/0	132/0	LLLOYD THP	225/0	225/0	TIME PROD	243/0	243/0
CRH	189/0	190/0	LOGICA	380/0	380/0	TIPHOOK	528/0	529/0
CRODA INT	210/0	210/0	LOWELL HD	267/0	266/0	TOOTIALS	257/0	256/0
CRYSTALAT	146/0	147/0	LOW (WM)	250/0	252/0	TOKINS	135.0	135
CTRY PROP	264/0	265/0	LOUSBONNER	223/0	223/0	TOZER K&M	118/0	119/0
DANES EST	32/6	33/0	M&G GROUP	310/0	312/0	TR CITY	90/0	90/0
DANIELS GDD	181/0	181/0	M. C. PACIF	234/0	235/0	TR PACIFIC	87/0	87/0
DAVIDSON	188/0	189/0	MACARTHY	260/0	262/0	TR PROFIT	59/4	59/4
DELTA GRP	318/0	319/0	MALCALNEE	218/0	218/0	TR TRASTE	151/0	151/0
DEVENISH	303/0	305/0	NAT	86/0	86.5	TRIMCO	43/0	43/0
DEWHIRST	43/4	44/0	MAJEDIE	24/0	24/0	TRIPLEP	175/0	177/0
DIPLOMA	253/0	255/0	MARLEY	166/0	164/0	TRITON ER	172/0	171/0
DOBSON PK	98/0	98/0	MATTHEWS	71/0	72/0	TRSPRT DV	262/0	263/0
DOMPAS GR	340.0	338.0	MAUNDERS	116/0	116/0	TVS ENVR	81/0	80/0
DOWDINGEN	74/0	75/0	MECKCHNIE	309/0	309/0	TV-EMOLD	323/0	324/0
DOUGL GRP	271/0	272/0	MEHC	249/0	250/0	U-BORDL	80/0	80/0
DRAYTON FE	427/0	430/0	MENZIES	343/0	342/0	U-BRD ST	42/0	42/0
DRAYTON C	539/0	538/0	MERCH. TST	178/6	178/4	U-BROADUL	195/0	196/0
DUGHER	445/0	445/0	MERLIN IN	106/0	106/0	U-CITYSVN	175/0	176/0
DUKEHISTR	79/0	79/0	METAL CLS	186/0	186/0	U-DEAMBD	191/0	191/0
DUNDEE LD	327/0	327/0	METALRAX	97/0	97/0	U-DEMY W	123/0	123/0
DUNHILL	305/0	305/0	MEYER INT	439/0	438/0	U-DURHAM	53/0	54/0
EDMONGE TST	174/0	174/0	NIDSUMER	242/0	242/0	U-EKPLAUR	39/4	39/0
EDMONT T	150/0	152/4	NML HDGSS	124/0	123/0	U-FERRARI	11/6	12/0
ELECTRO	48/0	47/4	MNT CHLT	182/0	182/0	U-FLOYD E	23/2	23/2
ELECTRO	273/4	275/0	MOLINS OR	220/0	221/0	U-FRD SEL	113/0	113/0
ELECTRICH	211/0	211/0	MORGAN CR	265/0	264/0	U-HND PT	239/0	239/0
EMEP	263/0	265/0	MORGAN GF	269/0	270/0	U-HUGH. HT	159/0	159/0
EMEPASS	454/0	454/0	MORGAN	750/0	750/0	U-HUGHES	45/0	45/0
EMPURE INT	174/0	174/0	MOUNTLEIG	157/0	158/0	U-ISRAEL	22/0	22/0
ENR. INT. J	303/0	303/0	MOWLEM J	421/0	421/0	U-KUNICK	59/0	59/0
ETIUM	173/0	173/0	MRRY INCH	211/0	211/0	U-LDN FRV	126/0	126/0
EURO. HOME	261/0	262/0	MRY INTL	209/0	209/0	U-MICROV	42/0	43/0
EUTHERM	320/0	320/0	MS INTL	144/0	145/0	U-MOLINAR	29/0	28/0
EURLUT W	818/0	815/0	N. BRIT CA	425/0	425/0	U-MONMNT	28/0	28/0
EURLUT W	63/4	63/4	N.ENG. IND	130/0	130/0	U-MRNYCN	363/0	363/0
EVODE GRP	191/0	190/0	NAT. TELCH	119/0	120/0	U-N. SEAG	49/0	49/0
EX. CO. LOU	181/0	181/0	NEARHTIL	033/0	025/0	U-PAVICA	5/0	5/0
EXPANET	217/0	217/0	NORCOS	336/0	336/0	U-RDOWST	288/0	288/0
F&C ENTER	34/0	34/0	NORFOLK C	36/6	36/4	U-SAC INT	111/0	112/0
F&C EURT	290/0	299/0	NORMANS	58/4	58/0	U-SB BUS	473/0	472/0
F&C PACIF	177/0	179/0	NORTHAMER	288/0	288/0	U-STKHOPE	215/0	215/0
F&C SMLLR	79/0	79/0	NSH PLC	96/0	96/0	U-T. V. AM	208/0	207/0
FARNELL E	174/0	175/0	NURDNGPCO	189/0	190/0	U-TRNGWOD	37/0	38/0
FED. HOUNS	208/0	208/0	O'SEAS IT	218/0	219/0	U-UTC GRP	200/0	200/0
FENNER JH	177/0	178/0	OCEAN TPT	327/0	323/0	U-WMS LEI	40/0	40/0
FERGUSON	267/0	268/0	OCEONICS	22/0	22/0	U-WYKO GP	81/0	81/0
FINE ARTS	220/0	220/0	OSSORY EST	22/4	22/4	U. E. I.	498/0	498/0
FILINAR GP	82/0	82/0	OWNERS AB	82/0	82/0	UNION DIS	495/0	495/0
FITCHAY L	107/0	107/0	P AND INS	250/0	251/0	UNITECH	321/0	322/0
FITCHAY LP	264/0	265/0	P & O WTS	96/0	97/0	UT. INDUS	63/0	63/0
FKBS GROUP	315/0	315/0	P & P PLC	216/0	216/0	UT. SCIEN	189/0	186/0
FLM. W. INC	111/0	111/0	PACIFIC A	235/0	237/0	VALLE INTC	263/0	263/0
FLNG ARM	138/0	138/0	PAGE (M)	52/0	52/0	VAUX GRP	284/0	285/0
FLNG F.E	245/4	247/0	PENTOS PLC	107/0	106/0	VERSON	36/4	36/4
GARDINER	56/0	56/0	PERGAMON	63/0	63/0	VG INSTMT	295/0	293/0
GEEST	275/0	275/0	PERRY GRP	232/0	233/0	VICKERS	183/4	184/0
GISEL INTL	128/0	128/0	PERSIMMON	162/0	163/0	VPI GROUP	150/0	148/0
GESTETNER	301/0	301/0	PHENIXI	71/0	71/0	WADDINGTN	199/0	198/0
GOODCO DUK	128/0	127/0	PICKMICK	218/0	218/0	WAGON HDS	373/0	372/0
GOODE	43/0	43/0	PONELL DU	380/0	381/0	WARDLE ST	364/0	365/0
GRAMPEN	336/0	337/0	PREMINS	119/0	119/0	WATERFD O	76/0	76/0
GREENING KNG	510/0	510/0	PREST (B)	442/0	442/0	WATERFD U	76/0	77/0
GREYCOALT	305/0	307/0	PRIEST MA	169/0	169/0	WATES CTY	189/0	188/0
GREYCOALT	483/0	483/0	PROFSECUR	287/0	288/0	WATTS B&B	353/0	353/0
GRUPNP TV	70/0	70/0	PROV FINL	331/0	331/0	WEIR GRP	249/0	251/0
GUINSS RD	638/0	675/0	RAINE IND	107/0	106.0	WEIR GRP	288/0	288/0
H&M WHITE	403/0	405/0	RANSMOS	452/0	451/0	WELLS	118/0	118/0
H&M DIST	234/0	234/0	RATNERS	228/0	228/0	WESTBURY	263/0	263/0
H&M STRA	217/0	216/0	RECHAN EV	483/0	484/0	WESTLAND	146/0	145/0
H&MHALMA	310/0	310/0	REFUGE GP	499/0	458/0	WHITWAY	125/0	125/0
H&MAMERSON	873/0	875/0	REGALTON	126/0	126/0	WHISON BOW	251/0	251/0
H&MAUTIN LE	64/0	64/4	RENTCRST	76/0	76/0	WILSON CON	185/0	185/0
H&MAZELWOOD	256/0	256/0	RENTOKIL	321/0	322/0	WOLSELEY	274/0	272/0
H&MEATH(CE)	465/0	468/0	ROBINSON	492/0	492/0	WOLVEDU	426/0	425/0
H&MELENE PL	32/4	32/4	ROCKMARE	93/0	92/0	WPP GRP	604/0	607/0
H&MEICAL B	306/0	306/0	ROTSCHLD	198/0	198/0	Y&P GRP	668/0	667/0
			ROTORC	164/0	164/0	Y&P GRP	321/0	321/0
						Y&P GRP	376/0	376/0
						Y&P GRP	184/0	184/0

International Bond Highlights

WASHINGTON: Commercial banks are not willing to entertain Mexico's request for interim financing, Treasury Undersecretary-designated David Mulford said. (AP/12/18)

Washington: The Treasury Department said \$7.57 billion of treasury securities were stripped in April to create zero-coupon securities. New York US bankers said they were dismayed by an Internal Revenue Service proposal that would limit the tax advantages that US banks receive when they unroll foreign loans. (AP/12/18)

Caracas: Planning Minister Miguel Rodriguez is to travel to Japan to seek new credits to help finance Venezuela's economic recovery programme. (AP/12/18)

Caracas: President Carlos Andres Perez, who has appealed for a 50 pct reduction in Venezuela's debt over the next two years, reiterated his support for the Brady plan. (AP/12/18)

London: The British government said recent changes in Poland were not enough to allow the UK to resume medium-term export credit guarantees. (AP/12/18)

Columbo: An International Monetary Fund delegation will visit Sri Lanka in mid-May to review the country's financial needs and the fund's suspension of a loan. Central Bank Governor Neville Karunatilake said. (AP/12/18)

New York: US West Financial Inc., a unit of US West Inc., issued 50 mln New Zealand dollar senior notes due 1992 with a 13 pct coupon and par pricing, said lead manager Merrill Lynch Capital Markets. (AP/12/18)

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	101.50	100	100	MUK IRON	115	113	115
ACC	309	308.50	308	GRFC	39.50	40	38 NAT INDEX	388.77	387	391.85
ALEM CHEN	---	---	---	GRASIN	132.50	132	38 NIPPON	40	37	38
ALW NIS	---	---	---	GSFC	142.50	140	38 KOCIL	865	860	852.50
ARI FAB	---	---	---	GUJ ALK	71	70	38 ORKAY	22.50	22	22.50
ASHOK LEY	81	80	82	GUJ HEAVY	13	12.25	38 OVAL AGRO	77	78	76
ASTA PAINT	201.25	200	198.75	HERO HONDA	28	27.50	38 PETCO	24	24	25
ATLAS COP	48	46	48	HIND CIBA	1080	1060	38 PFIZER	78.50	77	78
AUTO CORP	83.50	80	84	HIND COCOA	107	106.25	38 PONDUS	191.25	192.50	192.50
BAJAJ AUTO	420	415	416.25	HIND LEVER	82.50	81.50	38 PREH AUTO	58.50	58	57
BAR RAYON	460	455	455	HIND MOTOR	45	44.50	38 RAMBAXY	115	112.50	116.25
BK BOND	150	148	150	HINDALCO	315	317.50	38 RAY MOOL	81	80	81
BLOM PLAST	---	---	---	HINDALCO	860	850	38 RECKITT	190	185	195
BOM DYE	152	152	151	HIND OIL	38	37	38 RELIANCE	128	126	124.50
BSE INDEX	749.75	753.53	753.53	HIND RAYON	100	98	38 SESA GDA	46	45	46
BURR MEL	197.50	200	200	INDRIL	320	316.25	38 SHRI FIB	83	82.50	83
CANSHARE	195	---	---	INGERSOLL	350	335	38 SIEMENS	78	76	75
CEN ENKA	2750	2750	2760	ITC	96	94	38 SKF	2890	2850	2870
CEN SPG	1850	1840	1840	JK SYN	81.50	81	38 SPIC	59.50	58.50	58.50
COLGATE	338.75	337.50	337.50	KIN ENG	182.50	182.50	38 ST MILLS	285	280	290
CROMT GR	940	925	950	KIR CUMH	75.50	74	38 TATA CHEN	120	118	119
DCH	12	12	14	KSB PUMPS	380	375	38 TATA OIL	67.50	66.25	65
DEEP FERT	28.50	28.50	28.50	LIPONT	77	77	38 TATA TEL	340	343.75	345
DUNLOP	91.25	90	92.50	LITON	77	77	38 TATAGRO	840	835	835
ELHOTELS	55.25	56	56.50	MAR RUSSEL	110	106.25	38 TISCO	1420	1412	1410
ESKAYE	135	133.75	135	MAR COATS	100	98	38 VAM ORG	165	164	164
ESSAY SPG	24	23.50	23.50	MAR SHARE	105	105	38 VARELI	31.25	32.50	32.50
FOOD SPL	200	197.50	200	NICO	630	620	38 VOLTA	680	660	680
FORBES	48	47	49	NILKOFD	325	---	38 VIMCO	28.50	28	28
GA POLY	74.50	74	74	MODI	112.50	110	38 ZENITH	65.50	63	64
GE SHIPPING	41.75	41.50	41.25	HRF LTD	430	425	38 ZUARI AGRO	60	60	62.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLSE
AEG	220.7	217.0
ALLIANZ VR	1784.5	1780.0
BADENWERK	195.0	192.0
BASF	305.2	301.7
BAYER	304.3	301.0
BAYER HYP	385.0	398.0
BAYER VER	386.0	383.0
BBC	447.0	444.0
BHW	469.0	466.0
BHW	514.0	511.5
COMMERZBANK	252.5	251.5
CONTI GUMH	268.0	266.0
DREIER BHK	671.0	665.0
DEUTSCH BANK	556.5	552.5
DV	559.0	550.0
DRESDENER B	326.7	325.5
DT BARCOFF	164.5	164.0
FAZ, INDEX	0	574.47
FELDMUEHLE	352.0	352.5
GRUNDFOS	394.5	390.0
GRUNDFOS AG	457.9	459.0
HOECHST AG	304.0	300.5
HOECHST	245.5	246.0
HORTEN	254.0	251.5
RUSSEL HLD	579.0	568.5
KALI SALZ	199.0	197.5
KARSTADT	506.0	499.0
KAUFRHO	478.0	469.0
KLOECK H	169.5	169.5
KLOECK W	174.0	171.5
LINDE	730.0	728.0
LUFTHANSA	172.0	169.0
MANNESMAN	288.5	288.5
MERCEDES	236.0	234.6
METALLGES	428.0	435.0
NIXDORF PF	302.0	299.0
NORSK HYD	46.00	46.50
PHILIP KOM	705.0	706.0
PORSCHE	690.0	690.0
PREUSSAG	268.0	268.0
PWA	296.7	297.8
RHEINMETAL	435.0	433.0
RME	280.0	276.0
RUE P	243.5	238.0
SALAMANDER	338.0	332.0
SCHERING	650.0	610.0
SEL	317.0	313.0
SIEMENS	337.5	338.6
THYSEN	379.5	375.5
VEBA	297.0	295.0
VEW	169.1	169.5
VOLKSWAGEN	342.5	336.5

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLSE
BANK EA	16.50	16.60
CATHAY	9.90	9.65
CAVENISH	11.30	11.00
CHENUNG K	15.00	14.90
CHINA L-P	725	715
DAILY RND	3.15	3.22
EVERED LTD	0	0
GT EAGLE	0	0
H S INDEX	262.86	221.12
HACO	21	20
HANG LUNG	6.65	6.55
HENDERSON	6.90	6.75
HK BANK	6.40	6.30
HK ELEC	8.30	8.20
HK GAS	21.10	21.00
HK LAND	12.40	12.20
HK TELECOM	5.45	5.45
HK-S HOTEL	6.20	6.15
HORSELL	3.25	3.25
HS BANK	25.80	25.40
HUNTINGTON	12.20	11.70
HYMAN DEV	1.72	1.71
JAR MATH	24.30	23.80
JEN	14.10	13.70
KR BUS	9.15	9.10
LAI SUN	182	177
MANDARIN O	0	0
NIBANAR	9.10	9.05
NEW WORLD	1.52	1.53
PAUL Y CON	15.20	15.10
SIN PROP	3.30	3.22
STELUX	23.00	22.40
SWIRE A	5.80	5.75
TAI CHEUNG	1.28	1.26
TVB	12.10	11.90
WAFR	10.80	10.50
WINSOR	5.30	5.20
WORLD INTL	5.30	5.20

Market buoyant

Indian shipping stages remarkable recovery

NEW DELHI, May 5. (Agencies): The Indian shipping industry staged a commendable recovery in 1988 after a decade of recession, official sources said.

It added a net 380,000 gross registered tonnes (GRT) to the country's shipping tonnage during the first eleven months of 1988.

According to the annual report of the surface transport ministry, after scrapping tonnage to the tune of 257,000 GRT during the same period, the net operative Indian tonnage stood at 6.6 million GRT as on November 1988. The number of Indian ships was 377.

With freight rates having registered a substantial increase during 1988, and the market being presently buoyant, the Indian shipping industry has started coming out of recession.

"The prudent policy of shipowners in the last few years in scrapping the enormously surplus tonnage, slowing down on ship building and placing emphasis on fuel efficient vessels have paid dividends, the report said.

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Almost from the close of 1974, the shipping industry the world over started experiencing a slump following a hike in oil prices and consequent cut back in production with too many ships chasing a progressively falling quantum of cargo.

The Indian shipping industry has not been an exception to this phenomenon, the report noted.

It said most of the proposals for acquisition of ships by private shipping companies had been cleared within 45 days of receipt of proposals in 1988.

A sub-committee of ship acquisition licensing committee under the chairmanship of director general of shipping was set up to suggest simplified procedures for ship acquisition.

The Shipping Credit and

Investment Corporation of India has chalked out during the year a rehabilitation programme for the potentially viable sick shipping companies.

The government has also set up a high-level inter-ministerial committee to monitor problems and suggest remedial actions for the shipping industry.

The Planning Commission has set up an inter-disciplinary working group on shipping under the chairmanship of the surface transport secretary in connection with preparation of the Eighth Plan, the report said.

In the port sector, expenditure on development on major ports was expected to exceed the outlay of rupees 9.55 billion agreed to by the Planning Commission for the Seventh Plan. The expenditure at present was expected to go over rupees 10 billion.

The report said the most important port project under execution was the new port at Nhava Sheva near Bombay. The port which was to be commissioned in a few months, when fully operational, would handle 5.9 million tonnes of cargo. The port was also equipped to handle third generation cellular container vessels as well as deep draft Panamax size bulk carriers.

The other outgoing port projects include augmentation of container handling facilities at Cochin, Madras, Haldia and Calcutta ports and the construction of second oil jetty at Haldia.

A significant upgradation of technological capability of Indian shipyards was reported during the year, the report said. While the Cochin Shipyard has started building 86,000 DWT size oil tankers for the first time in the country, the Hindustan Shipyard has successfully constructed a sophisticated drill ship, off-shore jack up platforms and other vessels required by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission.

Foreign reserves dwindling

Argentina passes the hat to its businessmen

BUENOS AIRES, May 5. (Reuters): The Argentine government is almost broke and is asking local businessmen for a \$500 million loan.

The move, announced on Tuesday, underlines the dire strait of the economy in the run-up to a general election on May 14.

"The state is crying for help. Its foreign reserves are dwindling and it can't get foreign loans because of the government's mismanagement of the economy," said one businessman, who asked not to be named.

Argentine governments usually resort to foreign loans to cover their deficits. But the country's access to fresh funds from abroad has been restricted since it stopped servicing its \$60 billion debt in August 1988.

President Raul Alfonsín's administration, beset by raging inflation, expects Argentina's leading companies to subscribe

to this issue of "solidarity finance bonds" to narrow its massive public sector deficit.

Distribution

"We chose to seek financial (resources) within the country, among those sectors most benefited by the distribution of income... we know businessmen will understand," Economy Minister Juan Carlos Pugliese said on Tuesday in a televised speech.

The Argentine austral has lost more than half its value against the dollar since Pugliese took office a month ago. Private economists expect the rise in the cost of living to top 40 per cent during May, after an estimated 35 per cent in March.

Argentina's public deficit is running at about 15 per cent of its \$80 billion GNP, private economists estimate. In 1988 official estimates put it at seven per cent of GNP.

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As of 3.5.89	CPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.82	1.86
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.94	1.94
ARAB BANK	148.0	150.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.44	4.42
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41
ARAB INSURANCE	1.09	1.08
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.62	0.62
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.05	1.01
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.00	1.01
ARAB JOR. INVEST/BK	2.35	2.30
ARAB PAPER CO./TRD	0.45	0.43
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	3.21	3.28
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.99	1.00
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.09	15.09
BEIT AL-HAL/BEITHA	1.10	1.10
BELCIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	31.00	30.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.45	0.46
DAR ALADWA BV/INV.	2.40	2.39
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.75	0.74
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS CO.	4.60	4.60
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25
GENERAL MINING.	2.10	2.10
HIMMEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.65	0.65
INDSTR. DEVLPT BKK	1.63	1.65
INDSTR./COMH/AGR.	1.61	1.60
INTERCOM/INVT.	0.75	0.75
INTERCOM/INVT.	0.15	0.15
ISLAMIC ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.82	1.85
J. TOUR-SM COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.75	19.75
JOR CERAMIC FACT.	1.90	1.92
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.46	1.48
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.00	1.00
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.45	2.38
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
JOR LIM BRICK	0.20	0.20
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.41	2.41
JOR PAPER CARDBOG	3.75	3.60
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.64	3.60
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.95	1.96
JOR PRESS/PUBLIS.	1.79	1.72
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.40
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.97	0.95
JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12	1.11
JOR SELFOID CHEM.	2.12	2.10
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.20	2.25
JOR WORSTED HLL	5.00	5.00
JOR KUWAIT AGR	0.91	0.91
JOR. PETROLEUM REF	7.87	7.85
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.30	2.30
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.35	0.36
JORDAN DAIRY	0.91	0.92
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.22	1.21
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.36	0.35
JORDAN INSURANCE	3.12	3.15
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	1.99	1.99
JORDAN KUWAIT BKK	1.40	1.35
JORDAN TANNING	2.05	2.06
JORDAN TANNING	0.71	0.71
MACH/EQUI/RENT/MAIN	0.78	0.78
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.42	0.44
MIDDEL EAST INS	2.00	2.02
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.75	0.75
MAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.90	1.91
NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF	2.11	2.22
NATIONAL ALHIA INS	1.33	1.30
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.97	0.96
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.88	0.88
NATIONAL STEEL	2.85	2.85
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	2.55	2.50
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.10	1.11
PRECAST CONCRETE	0.69	0.70
RAJIA INDUSTRIAL	1.91	1.91
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.62	0.63
SHIPPING LINES	1.09	1.09
SPINNING WEAVING	1.10	1.11
THE HOUSING BANK	1.85	1.90
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE	1.16	1.16
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	2.97	3.02
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.68
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.85
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.30	1

We are actively conducting two search warrants: Slavinski

Federal investigators sweep through futures exchanges

NEW YORK, May 5, (Reuters): Federal agents with subpoenas and search warrants descended on New York's main futures exchanges yesterday, summoned traders from the floor and searched offices in what officials said was a criminal investigation.

Agents from the US Postal Inspection Service, which investigates cases of mail and wire fraud, searched offices while officials from the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) and the Commodity Exchange (COMEX) pulled traders off the floor for "legal and business reasons," according to postal service officials and floor traders.

Assault
"We are actively conducting two search warrants relative to a criminal investigation," said John Slavinski, inspector-in-charge of the New York div-

ision of the Postal Inspection Service.

The search was the second assault on futures trading to come to light this year. Three months ago a massive probe at the Chicago's leading futures market in Chicago was revealed.

Officials from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), which regulates futures trading, were also present at the sweep here.

The CFTC has no authority to bring criminal charges, which must be prosecuted by the federal prosecutor's office in Manhattan, the same office that has been at the centre of the landmark investigation into illegal trading on Wall Street.

Slavinski said the warrants were issued as part of continuing investigations, but he would not be more specific. Search warrants can be issued only in criminal

cases, not when civil charges are brought by regulators.

There did not appear to be any direct link with the investigation of futures markets under way at the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, but people in the industry said the move would be a further black eye for it.

"I don't see this as worrisome to us. But it could mean a whole other rash of stories that perpetuate the stereotypes of us and suggests all is not well," said a futures industry leader in Washington who asked not to be identified.

COMEX officials said records from the exchange and some member firms were subpoenaed.

"COMEX has been asked to assist and is co-operating fully and we understand that some of the exchange's records are

being subpoenaed," a COMEX official said, adding that records from member firms had also been taken.

The NYMEX and COMEX share the same trading floor in the massive World Trade Centre complex with the cotton exchange and the coffee, sugar and cocoa exchange.

Traders

Witnesses said the traders who were removed from the floor had gold badges, which permit them to trade in all commodity pits.

The investigation did not affect prices, but some traders said the trading pace slowed down as brokers paid more attention to the actions of the authorities than the price boards.

Traders on the floor said that at 9:40 am (1340 GMT), just after all the mark-

ets opened, officials of the NYMEX and COMEX went up to traders and asked them to leave the floor for "legal and business reasons."

The CFTC would not comment on reports that traders were under investigation. "We can neither confirm nor deny" the existence of an investigation, a spokesman said.

The FBI probe of futures trading in Chicago included federal undercover agents disguised as traders. Despite much publicity, no charges have been filed against any traders in that investigation.

A futures contract is an obligation to buy or sell a commodity at a set time in the future. They are used to hedge risks in the volatile world of commodity and financial instruments.

Third World has market potential

Most have food shortfalls

WASHINGTON, May 5, (AP): Sales of US grain to the Soviet Union and Japan capture attention because of the countries and quantities involved, but the US government says the Third World offers strong market potential as well.

Unlike the Soviet Union and Japan, however, the Third World countries have little money to spend for food to keep pace with expanding populations.

There are 55 "less-developed countries" listed by the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation. Most have food shortfalls that are made up by imports, often in the form of aid from richer nations.

Gregory Gajewski and Ray Nightingale of the US Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service say US farmers will have to rely mainly on larger exports in order to handle increased production of cereal grains. And policy changes by the poorer nations themselves could help create greater demand.

The 55 countries on the FAO's less-developed list currently "are players in international cereal markets, but only on concessional terms." The two economists said in the May issue of Agricultural Outlook magazine. "Yet about 1.9 billion people live in these countries, accounting for about two-fifths of the world's population."

Stagnant

But these countries are poor, and many have stagnant economies, the report said. In addition, some are overburdened with international debt that saps their ability to grow and import agricultural commodities.

"Other have government regulations that depress prices paid to local farmers, so that urban consumers may benefit from lower food prices," the report said. "These regulations hinder the development of a market-oriented farm economy, and cut farmers' incentives to produce."

Gajewski and Nightingale

said there is historical evidence that farm-led development can boost a poor country's imports of agricultural commodities.

For example, they said, South Korea now imports more food each year from the United States than it ever received in US food aid. Investment in rural infrastructure — roads, dams, irrigation projects — tends to boost incomes across the board in developing countries.

"As incomes rise, people increase their demands for better food, including means and processed products," the report said. "Increased meat demand consequently leads to greater demand for feed grains. So, on balance, demand for agricultural imports rises."

Aid

Gajewski and Nightingale said that food aid increases labour's diet and productivity, and has "had a positive influence on economic growth" in some countries.

"But food aid can hamper a recipient country's long-term prospects if it is not linked to policy changes," they said. "Massive inflows of free or subsidised food weaken domestic farm prices and reduce local farmers' incentives."

Despite last year's drought in North America, global food production is "not expected to be the long-term problem," the report said. But the distribution of food has been and will continue to be the major concern.

Looking at some of the recent trouble spots, the report said that on the basis of per capita food supplies, shortfalls are most pronounced in Jamaica, Costa Rica, Tunisia, Cape Verde, Swaziland and Liberia.

"In contrast, eight countries that once had serious shortfalls now have sufficient domestic production, or are expected to import enough cereals to maintain usual consumption without depleting grain inventories," the report said. "These countries are Burkina Faso, Chad, Gambia, Mali, Niger, Sudan, Uganda and Zambia."

Japan hopes to avert trade war with US

SINGAPORE, May 5, (UPI): Japan will make every effort to solidify its relations with the United States and avert a trade war, which could have grave consequences for Asian nations, an aide to Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita said yesterday.

Koichi Haraguchi, a spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Ministry, said Takeshita made this point clear in talks with Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, who felt strongly that the trade rift between Japan and the United States "should be resolved immediately."

Sanctions

"Takeshita has assured Lee that Japan will not allow its trade relations with the US to develop into a trade war for this will disrupt the economies of Asian nations," Haraguchi told reporters.

US Trade Representative Carla Hills agreed in Washington April 28 that the United States had decided to

order trade sanctions against Japan for failing to keep an agreement to open its fast-growing telecommunications market to American equipment.

Hills released a report listing trade barriers in Japan. South Korea, Taiwan and about 30 other countries that she said were blocking billions of dollars of US exports.

It drew immediate response from Japanese government and business leaders who warned that it would strengthen the forces of protectionism.

"Takeshita said any trade friction between the US and Tokyo will also affect Japan and will disrupt our aid assistance programmes to many countries in this region," Haraguchi said.

"We intend to resolve this issue through a series of dialogues with Washington because ultimately it could also hurt the US," he said.

Takeshita also told Lee that Japan would go along with regional wishes in its policy toward Cambodia.

Explosion at steel plant cripples production

RIODEJANEIRO, Brazil, May 5, (AP): An explosion at Brazil's largest steel plant seriously damaged a blast furnace and crippled 70 per cent of production, a company official said yesterday.

Marciano Machado, a spokesman for the government-run national steel company in Volta Redonda, 80 miles (129 kilometres) west of Rio, said an explosion Wednesday afternoon seriously damaged the largest of the company's three blast furnaces.

"We're still analysing the cause of the explosion but at this point we believe it was caused by an accumulation of gas in the blast furnace," Machado told the Associated Press by telephone.

Machado said five workers were slightly injured in the blast. The plant, which employs 22,000 workers, produces 4.6 million tons of steel per year, almost 20 per cent of Brazil's annual production of 25 million tons, he said.

The Volta Redonda plant exports 1.3 million tons of steel per year, around one-fifth of the Brazil's total steel exports, and is

the country's only producer of tin and galvanised steel plates, Machado said.

Machado said the damaged blast furnace produces 7,400 tons of pig iron per day, 70 per cent of the plant's total.

Production

Pig iron production is the first step in the production of finished steel products.

The plant's other two blast furnaces were operating normally yesterday and the company hoped to have repairs completed at the damaged furnace within 10 days, Machado said.

On Tuesday, a monument honouring three striking steelworkers killed by army troops at the plant last year was destroyed by a bomb.

The monument, designed by Oscar Niemeyer, Brazil's best-known architect, had been dedicated during May Day commemorations on Monday.

Most government officials blamed right-wing extremists for the blast.

Machado said there was "absolutely no connection" between the bombing of the monument and Wednesday's explosion.

Spending plan claims about \$28b

Senate opposes gas tax hike

WASHINGTON, May 5, (AP): The Senate has gone on record against gasoline tax increases as it and the House cleared roadblocks to approving budgets that carry out a deficit-reducing agreement with the White House.

The anti-gas tax amendment was approved on Wednesday by voice vote and expressed the "sense of the senate" that motor fuel taxes should remain dedicated to improvements in the highway and transportation system.

Rise

The vote was a warning shot to those eyeing a rise in the gas tax, now at 9.1 cents a gallon, as part of future deficit-reduction efforts.

There is no call for such a tax in the \$1.17 trillion fiscal 1990 spending plans now before Congress.

Sources have said the administration of President George Bush has been considering a gas tax increase, combined with a reduction in the capital gains tax, in the fiscal 1991 budget to be submitted next year.

The current spending plan, which the House and the Senate are considering in slightly different versions, claims about \$28 billion in deficit reductions. It is intended to meet a goal to hold the deficit below \$100 billion in

fiscal 1990, which begins Oct 1. Critics contend much of the alleged savings is illusory — bookkeeping sales of federal assets and other devices that do little to alleviate the government's long-term deficit problem.

The Senate's Democratic and Republican leaders withstood the first serious challenge to their budget plan Wednesday evening, defeating 64-31 a move to shift \$3 billion from defence to education programmes.

Simon argued that for the nation to remain economically competitive, "there are going to have to be some changes in our priorities."

Resolution

But he ran into the opposition of the Senate's leadership, which has defended Congress' budget deal with the White House and the spending levels that the pact calls for.

In the House, debate opened on that chamber's version of the budget after passage of a resolution blocking all but a handful of amendments — those that house leaders believed would not pose a threat to the deal.

Once the House and Senate complete their budgets, the two chambers must agree on a single resolution. That document serves as the guide for annual spending and tax legislation.

Economy is cooling down

Fed's Heller sees slower growth

CHICAGO, May 5, (AP): The Federal Reserve's tight-fisted monetary policy can curb inflation and prolong economic growth, but only if business leaders exercise some patience, an official of the central bank says.

"It takes time for monetary policy to relieve pressure on prices," Federal Reserve Board member H. Robert Heller told the mid-year meeting of the Conference Board on Tuesday. "What is needed now is a bit of patience to allow the policy that is in place to work."

Heller, in a luncheon address to about 100 executives, said the Fed — the American Central Bank — is not out to take the "proverbial punch bowl away."

"We would just like everyone to drink a bit more slowly so that the party can last a longer time," Heller, who has been on the Federal Reserve's seven-member board of governors since 1986, defended the tight rein the Fed has kept on the nation's money supply this year.

That monetary policy has forced interest rates up in an effort to ease inflationary pressures by slowing business expansion. Recent economic policy has forced interest rates up in an effort to ease inflationary pressures by slowing business expansion.

Recent economic data have indicated the economy is cooling down, but the inflation picture is more clouded. Sharp rises in wholesale and consumer prices earlier this year, along with a more recent surge in oil and gasoline prices, have prompted some economists to predict a new wave of strong inflation.

The most pessimistic analysts see both recession and inflation ahead. But Heller foresees neither.

Outlook

In general, he said, the overall outlook "is for modified growth and subdued inflationary tendencies."

Put simply, I just do not believe that the preconditions for a sustained acceleration in inflation, he added, "the imbalances which traditionally precede a recession are not visible and indications are that the current

expansion will continue."

And on the inflation front, he said a second year of drought in the US corn belt is unlikely and agricultural output should return to normal this year, bringing down food prices.

Despite the rise in crude oil prices from about \$17 to more than \$20 a barrel since Jan 1, "recent history of the global oil market suggests that prices beyond \$20 a barrel will probably not hold for long," Heller said.

Pace

Although economic growth is slowing, he said, the vigorous pace of corporate investment in plant and equipment expenditures is an encouraging sign, as is the promise of a bipartisan congressional agreement for the fiscal year 1990 federal budget.

Reducing the federal budget deficit is essential for continued economic growth, Heller said.

"Looking beyond the coming year, it is important that this progress will be sustained in future years as well until fiscal responsibility is again the norm."

Capital injection needed

Economy in crisis

BUDAPEST, May 5, (Reuters): An influential government committee says Hungary's economy is in crisis and requires a capital injection of \$1.5 billion.

The reform committee also wants budget subsidies to fall by nearly half and foresees further falls in living standards, the Hungarian news agency MTI-Econews reported on Wednesday. "Our economy is in a crisis," the committee said in a 100-page report prepared by Ivan Berend, president of the Hungarian Academy of Science.

"It is not only the economy that is out of balance, there is also a crisis of structure, politics and confidence."

The committee, which is headed by reformist politburo member and State Minister Rezső Nyers, said the economy needed \$1.5 billion within three years for recovery to begin.

"The money, however, should not be in conventional loans but working capital, preferably in the form of modern technology," MTI-Econews quoted the report as saying.

Hungary has run up Eastern Europe's highest per capita debt this decade — more than \$11 billion. Most has been squandered on maintaining old and inefficient state enterprises.

Already low living standards fell sharply last year as prices rose more than 15 per cent — about twice as fast as pay — under an austerity plan designed to brake

the rise in debt.

The reform committee said there was no way to stop most people's living standards from falling in 1990 and it saw no way to raise them in the short run.

Strategy

Prime Minister Miklos Nemeth said last month he planned to outline a new economic strategy to parliament in June which would lay the foundations of a "new socialist model." He is due next Wednesday to replace half his cabinet.

The reform committee said budget subsidies should be cut to no more than 120 billion forints (\$200 million) per year within three years from around 200 billion forints (\$330 million) currently.

Subsidies to producers should fall by 50 to 60 per cent and spending on defence, state administration and public organisations by 10 to 20 per cent.



The report said Hungary should open itself to the world economy through an efficient export offensive and import liberalisation which would create genuine competition. Small and medium-sized companies should be encouraged.

Within the communist trading bloc Comecon, bilateral links should be given higher priority than multi-lateral co-operation and talks on this were already under way with the Soviet Union.



Envoy meets OAPC's chief

Balint Gal, Ambassador of the Hungarian People's Republic, paid a courtesy visit to the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries on Thursday. Abdelaziz Alwattari, (right) OAPC's acting Secretary-General, welcomed the ambassador. Discussions dealt with OAPC activities, the energy situation in Hungary, its sources of oil supplies, and the possibilities of co-operation between Hungary and OAPC members. They also reviewed current trends in international oil markets.

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This week on KTV 2

SATURDAY
4.00 Opening Announcement and Holy Quran
4.10 Mickey and Donald: a cartoon series
4.30 Italian Football
5.30 Out of this World. "Evie's..."
6.00 Animals of Africa. "Kalahari... A look at wild life in Kalahari desert... its animals and birds..."
6.30 A Walt Disney Movie. "The Ugly Duckling."
8.00 News in English
8.30 Variety
9.30 Incredible Sunday.
10.30 TV Movie: "Legal Eagles." Starring: Daryl Hannah, Steven Hill, David Clenton. Tom Logan an attorney and prosecutor defends a woman called Chilsea accused of killing Victor Traff owner of a factory who is the killer and what is his motive for murdering Traff?
12.00 News in Brief
12.15 Magazine d'Actualite

SUNDAY
4.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
4.10 Dennis the Menace.
4.30 A Walt Disney Movie. So Dear To... A young child raises a lamb which causes much trouble to his grand-mother...
5.30 Sea Hunt. "The Siren." Undersea adventure of Dr Mike Nelson and his daughter...
6.00 In the Wild. "Tropical Australia." A look at wild life in tropical areas of Australia.
6.30 A Walt Disney movie. "Down the long hill." Hardy twelve years old, his sister eight years old along with their horse encounter many difficulties from robbers and Red Indians.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Murder. "She Wrote." "The Body Politic..."
9.30 Incredible Sunday.
10.30 Lonesome Dove. Eps. 1. Cowboys, horse hunters, farmers working in remote areas and living a very hard life where we become acquainted with a number of persons and their mutual relations...
11.30 News in Brief
11.45 Magazine d'Actualite

MONDAY
4.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
4.10 Bionic Six. A cartoon series for children.
4.30 Basketball
5.00 Prestige. The Electric Grandmother. A widow hires a robot servant to help in raising his children...

6.30 A Walt Disney Movie. The Love Bag.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Pradise. The News from St. Louis. Plot eps.
9.30 Variety
10.30 T.V. Movie. Inspector Maigret. Starring: Richard Harris Patrick O'Neal, Victoria Tennant.
12.00 News in brief
12.15 Magazine d'Actualite

TUESDAY
6.00 Opening Announcement and Holy Quran
6.10 The Pink Panther. A cartoon series for children
6.30 Captain Power.
7.00 Brazil. "The Price of Progress." For the first time after 21 years of military rule a civilian president is elected in Brazil. A look at progress in Brazil and what's the price of such progress?
8.30 News in English
8.30 The Fourth Arm. The team is formed and training starts for overcoming any obstacle that may encounter them while carrying out their mission...
9.30 Mankind of Onah. "Mark Spring." A look at immigrant birds in the marshes of Utah during Spring season.
10.00 Everything is Relative. Julian, a young divorced man is living with his younger brother under the guardianship of their mother... Julian meets his divorced wife who attempts to keep him and renew their old relationship...
10.30 Midnight Caller
11.30 News in Brief
11.45 Magazine d'Actualite

WEDNESDAY
6.00 Opening Announcement and Holy Quran
6.10 Racoon.
6.30 Mac and Malt. Crippled Dan and his dog Charlie collects help for sick people... Luxurious houses for dogs and cats... Training dogs on certain activities...
7.00 Danger Bay. "Dying Swan." Troubles strike as Nicole discovers Jenny's secret: an accident that left her mother, a once-famous ballerina, in a wheelchair.
7.30 Body Matters. A look at sight and visual deception. The relation between vision and the brain...
8.00 News in English
8.30 You and the Law
8.45 Sonny Spoon. "Semper Fi". Spoon tries to unravel the activities of a Philippine woman officer who is tracing a

criminal gang for smuggling girls out of the country.
9.30 The Cosby Show. The eldest daughter is about to give birth to her first child and every thing is upside down in the house...
10.00 Just for the Record. An exciting and entertaining television capturing record breaking achievements from the tremendous to the trivial...
10.30 Feature film. The Resting Place. Major Lard arrives in Georgia with the corps of captain Dowdick who is killed in Vietnam... The mayor of the town refuses to bury the corps in the white's cemetery... But Lord with his colleagues do their best to re-bury the corps in its resting place...
12.00 News in brief
12.15 Magazine d'Actualite

THURSDAY
6.00 Opening Announcement and Holy Quran
6.10 Denver. A cartoon series for children
6.30 The New Mickey Mouse

KTV I weekly highlights

SATURDAY
9.45 Mama Anisa Wa Esighar. A special serial for Eid Al Fitr
11.00 Circus. Foreign programme
11.15 Bibi Wal Ajouz. Local children play, starring Ahmad Saleh, Abdul Aziz Al Fahad, Abeer Al Jondi, Rola Al Fara.
2.00 Eid Mubarak (first part): variety programme.
4.00 Gunsmoke: foreign film
8.00 Fitna Wassad: Al Thulathia (part one); starring Abdul Rahman Al Rashid, Rashid Assaf, Wafa' Mousli
11.30 Zawayaj Rajol: Arabic feature film, starring Merfat Amin, Ahmad Zaki, Zizi Mustafa, Hassan Husni

SUNDAY
9.45 Majalat Al Aftal: children programme
11.15 Al Fagha Al Marha: foreign children film
3.30 Wajh Al Haqia: Arabic feature, starring Fawziya Al Shandi, Shukri Al Aqidee, Awatif Na'eem
4.15 Indian Circus
10.45 Al Kora: Madawara: Local play, starring Ghanem Al Saleh, Khalil Ismael, Abdul Rahman Al Aqel, Intesar Al Sharah

MONDAY
10.00 Duma Jadida: Arabic feature
10.45 Circus
11.15 Ashra Alla Ashra, Arabic children play;

starring Huda Sultan, Mohammed Al Zayani
3.30 Al Bathn An Al Mughamara: Cultural film
4.00 Al Jeda'an Al Thalatha: Arabic film; starring Samir Ghanim, Mohammed Ridha, Hussain Al Sharbini
10.30 Layali Al Jomaa: Arabic serial, starring Hassan Yusuf, Ahmad Mathhar, Safiya Al Omari, Dalal Abdul Aziz

TUESDAY
9.10 Sabah Al Khir
10.00 Yaseen Wabahiya: Arabic daily serial; starring Alaf Shu'aib Al Hajjar, Zouzo Nabil, George Seidhom
11.00 Al Aswar: Local serial, starring Hayat Al Fahad, Ayisha Ibrahim, Asmahhan Tawfiq, Jassem Al Nabhan, Ali Al Mofidee
12.00 Variety programme: A meeting with the singer Majda Al Roumi
5.15 Tun Tek Wal Aftal: Cartoons
5.45 Qanadeel Shabiya: historical serial
9.45 Layali Al Jomaa: Arabic serial (part two); starring Yahya Al Fakhrani, Safiya Al Omari, Hassan Yusuf
10.45 Min Al Alif Lily'a, presented by Tareq Habib

WEDNESDAY
9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Sabah Al Khir
9.15 Cartoons
10.00 Yasmeen Wabahiya:

6.30 Inter Bang Eps. Appointment in Rome. Where Gianni and Brono discover that even the fountains are slow
7.00 Startrek. "Conspiracy."
8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away. Recreational and entertaining activities carried out by the Touristic Enterprises Company (TEC) in various parts of Kuwait.
8.45 Big League Soccer. (The English Soccer)
9.30 The Charmings.
10.00 Tales from the Darkside. "I'll Give You a Million". An old man purchases the soul of his old friend... but the latter decides to stop the deal against payment of one million dollars to his friend...
10.30 Blue Blood. Pilot Eps. A son of a wealthy and influential family returns to Germany after a long absence in Africa... His uncle asks him to find his secretary who disappeared with important documents...
12.00 News in Brief
12.15 Magazine d'Actualite

Arabic serial
11.00 Al Aswar: Local serial
4.00 Holy Quran
4.45 Sherlock Holmes: cartoon series
5.15 Variety Features
5.30 Qanadeel Shabiya: historical serial
6.15 Maa' Al Talaba
7.30 Layali Shabiya
10.45 Wadi Al Ghozlan: bedouin serial; starring Mahmoud Saeed, Sabah Jazaeri, Adib Qadoura

THURSDAY
11.15 Walt Disney: foreign children film
12.15 Ribab Al Tarbiya
2.30 Al Riyadha Fi Osbou: Weekly sport programme
5.15 Liqa' Al Khamis: local variety programme
8.30 Maa' Al Ismail: Religious programme
10.30 Al Police Al Nisa'ee: Arabic feature film; starring Iham Shabin, Ahmad Budair, Hala Siddiq, Dalal Abdul Aziz
12.30 Ikhtama Lakum

FRIDAY
10.15 Fayes Al Toust: Arabic serial
11.00 Al Ahadith Al Mawdouna: Religious programme
11.30 Al Waj: variety programme
2.00 Nakhou Adsiqa'ok
3.45 Nakhou Adsiqa'ok: Indian feature film; starring Kul Bhushan Kharbanda
7.45 Barnamij Al Osa
8.45 Hadith El Osbou' for Ali Al Jassar
9.45 Wrestling
10.30 Hikayat Ma'a Al Nojoun, a meeting with an actress Layla Murad.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1
9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Sherlock Holmes: cartoon serial
9.45 Mama Anisa Wa Esighar: Children programme, a special feature for Eid Al Fitr
10.30 Variety features
11.00 Circus
11.15 Local children play: Bibi Wal Ajouz, starring Ahmad Al Saleh, Abdul Aziz Al Fahad, Abeer Al Jondi, Rola Al Fara.
1.35 Cartoons
2.00 Eid Mubarak: variety programme (Part 1)
3.35 Musabakat Ramadan Gun Smoke: English film
6.00 Variety features
7.00 Mour Al Islam: religious programme
7.30 Al Amn Wal Muwatan Fitna Wassad: Thulathia Badawiya (Part One) starring Abdul Rahman Al Rashid, Rashid Assaf, Wafa' Mousli
10.45 Zawayaj Rajol Mohim: Arabic feature film, starring Merfat Amin, Ahmad Zaki, Zizi Mustafa, Hassan Husni; directed by Mohammed Khan
2.00 Holy Quran and Closedown

SUNDAY
9.00 Holy Quran
9.20 Sherlock Holmes: cartoon serial
9.45 Majalat Al Aftal (The children magazine)
10.30 Variety features
11.15 Al Fagha Al Marha: foreign children film
1.35 cartoon serial
2.00 Eid Mubarak: variety programme (Part 2)
3.30 Wajh Al Haqia: Arabic feature: starring Fawziya Al Shandi, Shukri Al Aqidee, Awatif Na'eem

Aqidee, Awatif Na'eem
4.15 Indian circus
6.00 Variety features
7.10 Diwanat Shu'ara Al Nabat
7.50 Fitna Wa Saad: Thulathia Badawiya Variety features
10.45 Al Kura Mdawara: local play, starring Ghanem Salem, Khalil Ismael, Abdul Rahman Al Aqel, Intesar Al Sharah
1.30 News Summary
1.35 The World Via Satellite
2.00 Holy Quran and Closedown

child raises a lamb which causes much trouble to his grand-mother...
5.30 Sea Hunt "The Siren": Undersea adventure of Dr Mike Nelson and his daughter.
6.00 In the Wild "Tropical Australia".
6.30 A Walt Disney movie "Down The Long Hill".
8.00 News in English
8.30 Murder. "She Wrote" "The Body Politic...": The electoral campaign manager of "Kathelin Lynne" falls dead from the window of her room in the hotel...
9.30 Incredible Sunday.
10.30 "Lonesome Dove" Eps 1. Cowboys, horse hunters, farmers working in remote areas and living a very hard life where we become acquainted with a number of persons and their mutual relations.
11.30 News in Brief
11.45 Magazine d'Actualite

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Hafiz Pharmacy
Salah Al Din St
Al Amal Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kabir St
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Khayam Pharmacy
Nagra
Salamiya and Rumaithiya
Al Nahda Pharmacy
Baghdad St.
Fahad and Ahmad
Bastour Pharmacy
Fahad, Al Dabous St
New Kheitan
Al Fahad Pharmacy
Homoud and Zaid Al Khaled Complex
Al Raqee
Al Raqee Pharmacy
Bader Al Salem Al Ali, Bldg No. 12
Jahra
Al Khaled Pharmacy
Opposite Jahra Co-op

SUNDAY
Kuwait
Dubai Pharmacy
Souq Wajif, Al Jazzer St.
Bin Sina Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kabir St
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Sabah Pharmacy
Nagra, Al Othman St
Salamiya and Rumaithiya
Bin Al Nafis Pharmacy
Hamad Al Mubarak St.
Fahad and Ahmad
Burqan Pharmacy
Fahad, Al Sabah Souq
Jleeb Shuyoukh
Palestine Pharmacy
Main St.
Jahra
Al Najah Pharmacy
Al Rabi'a Area

CINEMA TODAY

Andalus
Iron Angle
Hanna
Just A Darned Soldier
Drive-in
Arabic film
Firdous
Gleek
Salamiya
(Theatre reserved for some programmes)
Fahad Open-air
Vardi
Fahad
Bahar
Jahra
Cobra Mission
Grassada
Iron Angle
Salabikhat
Cobra Mission

Al Jleeb
1921
Ahmadi Drive-in
Arabic film

PRAYERS
Fajr 3.35 am
Zuhr 11.45
Asr 3.20 pm
Maghreb 6.27
Isha 7.52

SUNDAY
Fajr 3.34 am
Zuhr 11.45
Asr 3.20 pm
Maghreb 6.28
Isha 7.53

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

MUSIC

Piano Recital
Klaus Zoli will give a recital at the Sheraton Hotel's Riccardo Restaurant at 5 pm, followed by a cocktail reception. For reservations call the hotel, ext. 104/107/109.

THEATRE

One-act play
MAY 7: Indian Arts Circle will hold One-Act Play Competition in IAC auditorium at Finaitees. Twelve Indian Cultural groups shall take part. Three Malayalam plays will be staged on 4th, two Malayalam plays and one Kannada play on 5th, one Tamil, one Bengali and one Gujarati play on 6th, one Marathi and two Hindi plays

on 7th. Programme will start at 6.30 pm on May 4 and 5 and at 6.00 pm on 6-7. Awards will be presented on May 25, 1989 at 7.00 pm with a musical show and dinner. For entry passes please contact P.C. George on 4896000 ext. 3643 or 4739359.

SOCIAL

Eid Prayers
BANGLADESH association in Kuwait will hold Eid-ul-Fitr prayer on the Eid Day at 6.30 am in the playground in between Tanzeef and Weil Al Nusif Co. in Sabhan (north). All Bangladeshis are requested to attend.

Summer Affair

MAY 6: The Weekend Club will host "Summer Affair '89" on the first day of Eid at the Regency Palace. Music by Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers. Live content, Gala buffet, surprises, saddle bags, handbags and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Reservations

For reservations contact Hilary 5741380 (2-7.30 pm) Julio 5734513 (5 pm onwards) and Mercedes: 4890566 (3 pm onwards).

Bangladesh Open House
THE Bangladesh Ambassador, K. M. Shehabuddin, will hold an Open House today, on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr at his residence in Mishref. The Open House will be held between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. All Bangladeshis are invited.

Annual get-together
MAY 8: Kuwait chapter of International Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen will hold their annual get-together at SAS Grand Ball Room at 7 p.m. For further details ring: 2425315.

Rama's Show
MAY 11: The Expatriates Club will hold a dinner-musical at the SAS Hotel. Rama, India's pop-star will be the star performer and Expatriate Queen will be crowned. City Limits and Perfect Strangers in attendance. For details call: Tony 2415439; Wilson — 3918905 (office hours); Val —

5614506 after 2 pm.

Indian Day

MAY 11-12: Various groups and organisations of Indians living in Kuwait have joined to project cultural evenings and entertainments apart from exhibiting the local materials of the regions and to show live demonstrations like Kolam (Tamil Nadu) and others, at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club. Foods of special nature of different sectors of India will also be available. For further details contact 5331456, 4898891, 2644863, 5678762 or 4881387.

May Queen

MAY 11: Kuwait Goans will hold a May Queen function at Messiah Beach Hotel with Top Ranks and Next of Kin in attendance. The cream of the evening will be provided by Alexander Rosario, the singing sensation from Goa. For details contact 2413348/4881387.

Danish Coffee Morning

MAY 14: Daniella invites all Danish ladies for coffee morning at the Dana Restaurant, May 14, 9.30 am. For reservations call Ingise — 3713670; Marianne — 3720182 ext 29.

Casuals Cricket Club

MAY 18: 8 pm. Messiah Beach Hotel. Annual dinner with special guest speaker Brian Close CBE, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Courtesy of British Airways. Live music. For tickets and information call Simon Clements (5333248) or Val Tudball (5327159).

Konkani drama

MAY 18-19: Indian Arts Circle, Finaitees. MAR Productions presents Konkani drama "Noshibacho Divo Paloulo", directed by Prem Kumar. Gate passes available at Raja Stores. Tel. 2412970.

Kuwait Caledonians

MAY 18: Messiah Beach Hotel. The Caledonians will hold a "celebhd" (gathering) with entertainment by John Carmichael and others. Tel: 3335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

Arabian Nights

MAY 19th, 'Arabian Nights' evening at the Jawhara Night-club, Messiah Beach Hotel. Dress: Middle-Eastern of past or present. 20 costume prizes. Tel.: 4847461, 2418017, 4846843 ext. 4515, or leave message on 2614201.

Get-together

JUNE 16: The Go-Go Club will be having a get-together at the Ramada Al-Salem Hotel from 11 am onwards with Stepping Stone and Symphony in attendance. For details contact Raju 2412970.

Hotel and Restaurant operations class

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait, KAPILKU, will hold the last session of the class on Friday, May 5, at Far East Restaurant, 1 pm sharp. Topics to be discussed will be food and beverage and the summary of subjects previously discussed. Certificates of attendance will be awarded. For details call Sarah Maracimbang. Tel: 4834447.

ACT play

MAY 16-18: ACT presents a play by Raymond Briggs, "When the Wind Blows" at the Mousetrap Theatre in Jahriya at 8 pm both days. For reservations call: 5620352, 4-8 pm.

Palaso meeting

MAY 6: Saturday: The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (KAPILKU) will hold their meeting at Far East Restaurant at 2.00 pm. All chairmen, vice chairmen and chairpersons of all sports committees are requested to attend including all the coaches and team captains of each participating team for the rehearsal of the opening of the Mini-Olympics on May 12 at Keifan Gym at 8.00 am. For particulars, contact: Freddie Fernando, on 5624509 or Willy Sabay.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait International. A 3-day Eid programme at

the Kuwait International Hotel

includes: GARDENPOOL: Exotic Mongolian B-B-Q with surprises for the children. Ext 8137. FAILAKA: The rooftop restaurant will present an extensive Lebanese mezzeh, Oriental and continental cuisine with live entertainment. Ext 8012. LA PALMA: A celebration lunch and dinner menu — promises to be a gourmet's delight. Ext 8166. LA PATISSERIE: Exclusive corner for families. Eid takeaway cookies on sale. Ext 8014.

At the Holiday Inn

COFFEE SHOP: Delicious iftar buffet. Babylon and Lobby Cafe: A variety of Arabic sweets and fresh fruits with jellab juice. Trio Dimension providing music up to 1.00 pm.

At the SAS

FOR Eid Al Fitr feast your palate with diverse Italian dishes as well as international and local specialties at the newest Italian restaurant in town — Bistretto at the SAS. Special brunch every Friday and dinner buffet daily. Celebrate eid with fine menu of charcoal grill you can find only at Al Boom. Welcome aboard and find out what it is. Experience authentic Oriental foods prepared by Chinese Chef Von Kwee Kiong at the Peacock Room. Open for lunch and dinner daily. If you are always on the go, SAS Hotel's Clock Drive-in restaurant can serve you with various fast food items along with our very own specialties.

SPORTS

Swimming and Keep Fit
SWIMMING lessons have commenced at the Holiday Inn which is available for non-members. Monday (6 to 7 pm) separate ladies and mens fit classes with Steve and Chris Hill. Saturdays and Wednesdays

(5 to 6 pm) ladies aerobics and Saturdays (6 to 7 pm) mixed aerobics, with Touvi Pakasalo.

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RADIO PROGRAMMES

SBC World Services

0600 Newsworld
30 Personal View
45 Recording of the Week
0100 News Summary followed by
25 Financial News
30 Poetry of the Century
45 Book Choice
50 New Ideas
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK
30 People and Politics
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 The Vintage Chart Show
0400 Newsworld
30 Newsline
45 Personal View
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Financial News
40 Words of Faith
45 The World Today
0600 Newsworld
30 Meridian
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From the Weeklies
45 Network UK
0800 World News
09 Words of Faith
15 A Jolly Good Show
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Personal View
1000 News Summary followed by Here's Humph! Letter from America
30 People and Politics
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Poetry of the Century
30 Meridian
1200 Newsworld
15 Multitrack
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Network UK
45 Sportsround
1400 News Summary (ex 20th) followed by Sportsround contd
45 (20th only) World News
55 (20th only) Sportsround contd

1500 Newsworld (20th Sportsround contd)

15 Sportsround contd
1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Sportsround contd
1700 World News
09 Book Choice
15 The Ken Bruce Show
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsworld
30 Jazz for the Asking
1900 News Summary followed by Opera of the Week
45 Personal View
2000 World News
09 From Our Own Correspondent
25 Words of Faith
30 Meridian
2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup
15 Poetry of the Century (ex 20th Sportsround)
30 Ten Years of Mrs Thatcher
2200 Newsworld

English

MORNING
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0805 Science Journal
0820 Songs and Music
0840 Songs and Music
0915 Daily Programme
0930 Radio Magazine
1000 Our First Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 Songs and Music
1100 Closedown

EVENING
2100 Opening
2102 Bits and Bytes
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 Facts About Zionism
2215 Magazine Special
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Peel Mail
2400 Closedown

Urdu

1900 Opening Holy Quran
1910 Baitereen Qaul
1920 Songs
1940 Press report
1945 Islam aur Duae-e-Hazir
2000 News in Urdu
2020 Songs
2040 Hamare Mehman
2100 Closedown

No slip-ups from Bananarama

Three strong women in a male-dominated business

By Alan Jackson

LONG before Bill Haley's kiss-curl and Elvis' sneer ushered in the rock 'n' roll era, there were girl groups. They were to be found on every theatre variety bill and radio show — demure trios, usually, in elaborate gowns, harmonising prettily the hits of the day.

Like everything else, the girl group grew up. By the early 1960s the music of Tamla Motown, the Detroit-based, black record company, had revolutionised the genre. Acts like The Supremes, Martha and The Vandellas, and The Velvettes created the hits, they did not copy them. Since then, all-female bands, like The Go-Gos and The Bangles, have taken their music into the mainstream of American rock.



The 'Nanas' as they are known were launched eight years ago in those

heady post-punk days of 1981 when old ideas of musical competence had flown out of the window, temporarily, and the have-a-go spirit was prized more than vocal expertise. But their talent was soon recognized.

Life as a group began in those heady post-punk days of 1981, when the old ideas of musical competence had flown out of the window, temporarily, and the have-a-go spirit was prized more than vocal expertise. Bananarama would sing to the accompaniment not of musicians but backing tapes in various London clubs, dressed in outfits that were a parody of conventional ideas of female glamour.

"Bruce Springsteen came to see us once at The Embassy and thought we were fabulous," recall the girls in the sleeve notes to their new album "Bananarama's Greatest Hits". We were just oozing with confidence then. We used to go on stage and wear hideous polka-dot catsuits Siobhan bought in St Tropez.

Shortly afterwards, drawing on their contacts in the record business, they released a first single, *Ale A Mwana*, on an independent label. This in turn brought them to the attention of the style-setting magazine *The Face*.

When their photograph appeared in its pages they were contacted by singer Terry Hall, of the group Fun Boy Three, who asked them to collaborate on a new version of trumpeter Sy Oliver's 1939 classic, *It Ain't What You Do (It's The Way That You Do It)*. The result — a major British hit.

But the time they recorded their next single, *Really Saying Something*, public interest was such that the tables had been turned and the record label read "Bananarama With Fun Boy Three", and not vice versa.

But the most successful girl group in the history of the charts bears none of these illustrious names from pop's hall of fame. It is Bananarama, originally three north London girls who saw pop not as a career but as a good way to have fun. Ironically enough, they recently claimed the title from its previous holders, The Supremes, by scoring with a cover version of that group's 1971 hit, *Nathan Jones*.

The 'nanas', as they are known within the music industry, were launched eight years ago. Founders members Sarah Dallin, Karen Woodward and Siobhan Fahey were friends and frequenters of the London club circuit. The first two studied journalism at the London School of Fashion, while the latter was a receptionist, initially at Decca Records, and then at the BBC.

It has been pointed out by rock commentators that Dallin and Woodward's training was to be crucial to the group's eventual success, for they understood the concepts of sales and marketing, and knew these could be more important than actual content.



Bananarama: Bruce Springsteen thought they were 'fabulous.'

By the time their next release was ready, the 'nanas' were in business by themselves.

Those early records are now something of an albatross to the girls. The deadpan, unschooled vocals and the trademark shuffling dance routines earned them a reputation as lucky amateurs, one enhanced by their ubiquitous appearance at celebrity parties and in the newspaper gossip columns.

But as rock critic Simon Frith of *The Observer* recently noted, their decision to switch producers from the team of Tony Swain and Steve Jolley, responsible for their hits *Sky Boy*, *Cruel Summer* and *Robert de Niro's Waiting*, among others, to the unstoppable partnership of Stock, Aitken and Waterman, the Midas men behind Rick Astley, Hazel Dean and many more, capitalised on this apparent amateurism.

This partnership, with Bananarama supplying the lyrics and the SAW team the music and relentlessly busy production sound, has taken the group into a new sphere of success. The first collaboration, the 1986 remake of the old Shocking Blue hit *Venus*, reached the British Top Ten but, more importantly, was an American Number One. Subsequent singles like *I Heard A Rumour*, *Love In The First Degree*, and *I Want You Back* have only added to their reputation — and their bank

balances.

It was midway through this SAW-inspired renaissance that founder member Siobhan left the group, shortly after marrying rock musician Dave Stewart of *The Eurythmics*. She has now moved to Los Angeles to be with her husband, and is currently at work on a solo album.

Perhaps typical of Bananarama's spirit was the way in which they selected a replacement. Instead of announcing a casting call to audition the best young girl singers around, they chose an old friend, Jacqui O'Sullivan, on the basis that she had a similar fun loving attitude to life.

Now, the new looking group is preparing to embark on its first ever concert tour of the United States and Europe, confounding cynics who have said their records owed everything to studio trickery and nothing to native talent. But then that is to miss the whole point of Bananarama — their very appeal is the way that, listening to them and watching them, you are deceived into believing that any three girls could do the same.

The 'nanas' themselves know better. "What we represent is three strong women who have succeeded in a male-dominated business," they say firmly. And they are quite right.

Madonna stays on top for third straight week

NEW YORK, May 5. (AP): Madonna kept a firm grip for the third week in a row Wednesday on the number one spot on the top singles record charts in the United States with her new hit *Like A Prayer*.

Bon Jovi's *I'll Be There For You* stayed on for second straight week in second position on the Cash Box magazine chart, and Tone-Loc's *Funky Cold Medina* made it week number two in third position.

Soaring fast on the top 10 list was Jody Watley's *Real Love*, up from 10th to 5th. Another rapid climber was Paula Abdul's *Forever Your Girl*, up from ninth to sixth.

The only newcomer to the top 10 list this week was *Cult of Personality* by Living Colour, up from 14th to 10th.

The Judds took over the top of the Cash Box magazine country-and-western singles chart with *Young Love*. Alabama's *If I Had You* was second, and *Don't Toss Us Away* by Patty Loveless was third.

Top Ten — US

The top 10 singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) *Like A Prayer* — Madonna (Sire)
2. (2) *I'll Be There For You* — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram)
3. (3) *Funky Cold Medina* — Tone-Loc (Delicious Vinyl)
4. (5) *Heaven Help Me* — Deon Estus and George Michael (MCA-Polydor)
5. (10) *Real Love* — Jody Watley (MCA)
6. (9) *Forever Your Girl* — Paula Abdul (Virgin)
7. (7) *Second Chance* — 38 Special (A and M)
8. (4) *She Drives Me Crazy* — Fine Young Cannibals (IRS)
9. (6) *The Look* — Roxette (EMI)
10. (14) *Cult of Personality* — Living Colour (Epic)

The top ten country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (3) *Young Love* — The Judds (Curb-RCA)
2. (7) *If I Had You* — Alabama (RCA)
3. (1) *Don't Toss Us Away* — Patty Loveless (MCA)
4. (2) *Tell It Like It Is* — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America)
5. (12) *Is It Still Over?* —



Randy Travis (Warner Brothers)

6. (5) *The Church On Cumberland Road* — Shemandoah (Columbia)
7. (4) *Hey Bobby* — K.T. Oslin (RCA)
8. (8) *Setting Me Up* — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers)
9. (14) *Big Dreams In A Small Town* — Restless Heart (RCA)
10. (15) *After All This Time* — Rodney Crowell (Columbia)

Top ten — British

For the fourth straight week, *Eternal Flame* by Bangles topped the British pop singles chart and *Hand On Your Heart* by Australian Kylie Minogue rocketed from off the chart to second spot.

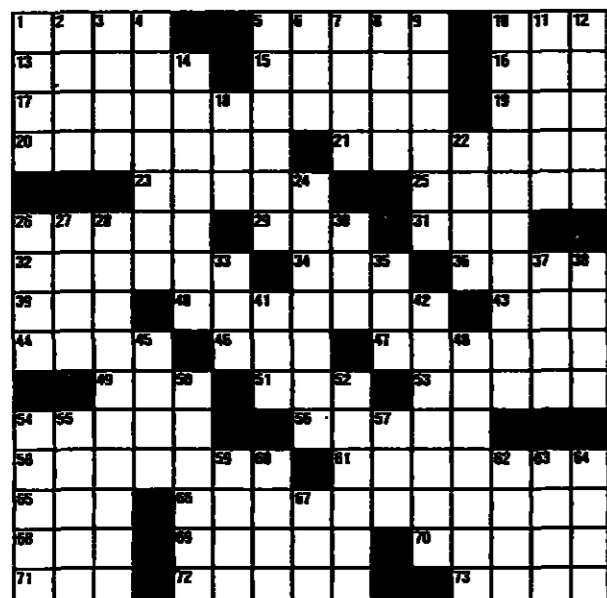
Regiment by the London Boys shot up to third place from number 8, tied with Transvision Vamp with *Baby I Don't Care* and followed by Simply Red's *If You Don't Know Me By Now*.

Other newcomers to the top 10 this week are *Miss You Like Crazy* by Natalie Cole and *Who's In The House* by the Beatmasters with Merlijn.

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by our Price Music Ltd, the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

1. (1) *Eternal Flame* — Bangles (CBS)
2. (2) *Hand On Your Heart* — Kylie Minogue (PWL)
3. (8) *Requiem* — London Boys (Teldec-WEA)
3. (3) *Baby I Don't Care* — Transvision Vamp (MCA)
5. (2) *If You Don't Know Me By Now* — Simply Red (Elektra)
6. (4) *Americanos* — Holly Johnson (MCA)
7. (24) *Miss You Like Crazy* — Natalie Cole (EMI USA)
8. (11) *Who's In The House* — Beatmasters with Merlijn (Rhythm King)
9. (5) *Lullaby* — Cure (Fiction)
10. (9) *Beds Are Burning* — Midnight Oil (CBS)

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- 1 Rock musical
 - 2 Leaning
 - 10 Reading matter, for short
 - 13 Grant portrayal
 - 15 Braga of films
 - 16 Connors coup
 - 17 A
 - 19 Graduating gp.
 - 20 Long shot, at times
 - 21 Locks
 - 23 Uncle of fiction
 - 25 Sonata movement
 - 26 Subway need
 - 29 Society ms.
 - 31 French coin
 - 32 Rauses
 - 34 Manufacturers' org.
 - 36 Fed
 - 39 Massachusetts cape
 - 40 Naps
 - 43 Ref. of 33 Down
 - 44 Boys
 - 46 Happy sign for angels
 - 47 Besque caps
 - 49 — of order
 - 51 Wing
 - 53 Concise
 - 54 Altitude (to)
 - 58 Actress Berger
 - 58 Worn down by friction
 - 61 Cultivation of land
 - 65 After uno
 - 68 A
 - 68 Dentists' org.
 - 69 Lawful
 - 70 Machine part
 - 71 Ad —
 - 72 Eat away
 - 73 Fordham athletes
- DOWN
- 1 Sounds of
 - laughter
 - 2 Take — (taste)
 - 3 Former champ, for short
 - 4 Takes on anew
 - 5 "Impanema" singer
 - 6 Cruise
 - 7 — the finish
 - 8 Transp. to the Hamptons
 - 9 They accept wagers
 - 10 A
 - 11 Owning much land
 - 12 Plaster of Paris
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Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQJ4 ♠J5 ♣A73
The bidding has proceeded:
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1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?

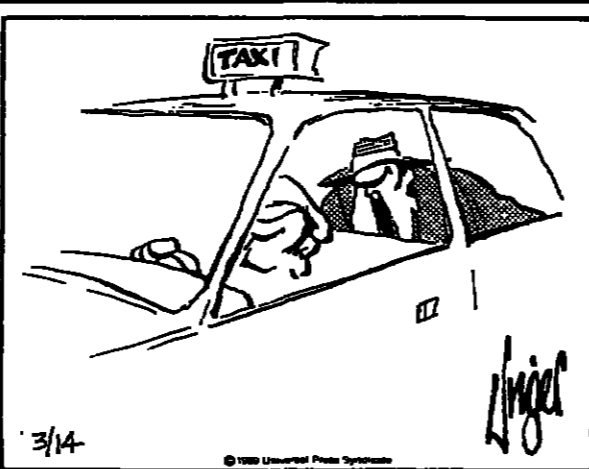
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♠AKJ65 ♠AJ ♠J76 ♣742
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
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What do you bid now?

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
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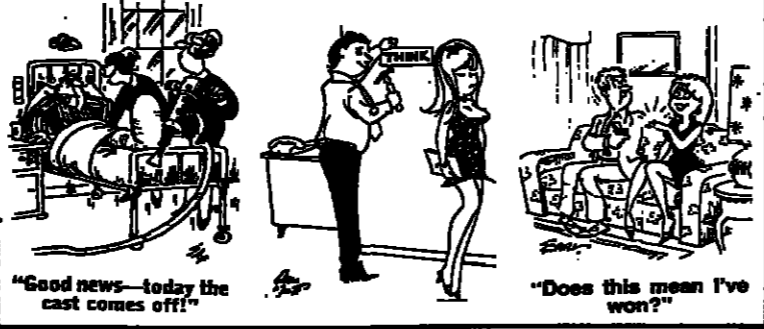
Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠KJ ♠Q10 ♠Q9873 ♠J1082
The bidding has proceeded:
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1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠Q962 ♠KJ8 ♠AK1085 ♠5
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠KQ73 ♠KJ65 ♠A7 ♠KJ9
The bidding has proceeded:
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What action do you take?



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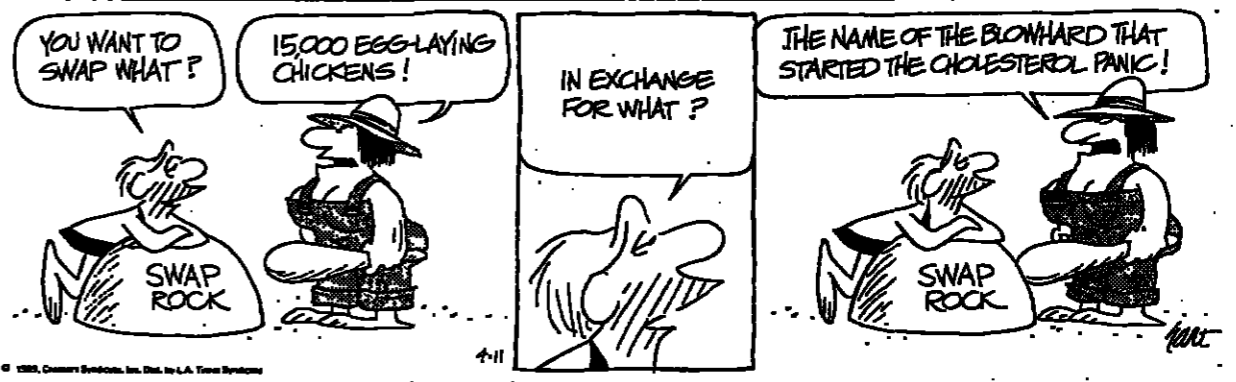
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YOUR STARS

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You will be able to prevent things from becoming more complicated. You should try not to get into an argument about a controversial subject. Avoid all kinds of exaggeration. Be tidy.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
Nothing will be quite as you had expected but some things will be better. You must take special care to avoid getting into a muddle. Slow but sure is best, but please, no lethargy. Be frank.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)
You will have plenty to do and have no time to waste. A phonecall you had expected will not come today. You will be able to take an important decision and it will be the right one. Be considerate.

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19
You will have something to be pleased but also something to be dissatisfied about. Do not delay doing what will have to be done sooner or later. Save, but not by leaving aside essential repairs. Be more cautious.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
The Moon's better influence will help you to make the right decision. You should fully respect your partner's opinions. You will be tempted to send a lot more than you can afford: refrain. Be more to the point.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)
You are inclined to mislay things and this will be quite a nuisance. Make sure you do not say or do anything that you have reservations about. Do not neglect an older member of the family. Be generous.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)
Do not expect others always to agree with you. Your lucky numbers are 18 and 5. Make sure you do not do anything to which your partner would object. Something that had been puzzling you will become clear. Be loyal.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)
You should take care not to lose sight of your objectives. Make sure you get enough exercise, but do not strain yourself. A promise you have made should not be broken. Be resolute.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
The Moon's influence coupled with that of Mercury and Jupiter will help you to avoid a pitfall. You should not take everything you hear at its face value. Be on the lookout for careless drivers. Be more assiduous.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)
You will have a good idea but others may think it a little too unorthodox. Do not insist on being right, a few concessions will pay off in the end. Do not expect to have all the luck. Be fair.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Something you have always to not where you would expect to find it. You should take care, you may well choose the wrong thing. Do not ignore health warnings. Be consistent.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Kiss of life

LONDON, May 5, (Reuters): All English first-class cricket umpires have been trained to give the kiss of life. The 26 Test and County Cricket Board umpires were shown at a recent course how to give the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to injured players and from tomorrow will carry a first-aid kit on the pitch, Test umpire Barry Meyer said.

Mancini wins

MUNICH, West Germany, May 5, (Reuters): Argentine giant-killer Alberto Mancini powered his way to a quarterfinal showdown with top-swede Stefan Edberg at the Munich tennis tournament yesterday. The 19-year-old Mancini, who dismissed Mats Wilander and Boris Becker to win the Monte Carlo Grand Prix last week, beat Karel Novacek of Czechoslovakia 6-4 6-3 in the third round.

Sympathy trip

Liverpool, England, May 5, (Reuters): Prince Charles visited Liverpool's Anfield soccer stadium on Wednesday to express sympathy for the 95 victims of Britain's worst sports tragedy.

Green stabbed

NEW YORK, May 5, (AP): Heavyweight boxer Mitch "Blood" Green was listed in fair condition at the Queens Hospital Centre Wednesday morning after being stabbed in the thigh, a hospital spokeswoman said.

World Cup

CHEPSTOW, Wales, May 5, (Reuters): Spanish golfer Seve Ballesteros said on Wednesday he still held slim hopes of playing in the World Cup at home this year, despite the insistence of organisers that its dates could not be changed.

Transfer bid

NEWCASTLE, England, May 5, (UPI): Relegation-threatened Newcastle United has rejected a transfer bid from Sao Paulo for Brazilian soccer international Mirandinha.

Real coach

MADRID, May 5, (Reuters): Briton John Toshack is poised to take one of soccer's plum jobs—coach at Real Madrid, Spanish newspapers said yesterday.

Welsh rugby

CARDIFF, May 5, (Reuters): Wales will follow Scotland's lead by allowing their players to take part in the South African Rugby Board's forthcoming centenary matches. Last year Wales refused to pass on invitations to play in the northern Transvaal's 50th anniversary.

Davis Cup

BONN, May 5, (Reuters): Davis Cup holders West Germany will play their July semifinal against the United States in Munich's indoor Olympiahalle arena, a West German Tennis Federation spokesman said yesterday.

Mike McCallum

LONDON, May 5, (AP): Mike McCallum reigned for three years as the World Boxing Association's light-middleweight champion and now is eager for a similar title in the middleweight ranks, he said Wednesday.

Irish captain

LONDON, May 5, (Reuters): David Irwin will captain Ireland's rugby union tour of the United States in August and September, the Irish selectors said yesterday.

Euro-gymnastics

STOCKHOLM, May 5, (Reuters): Soviet teenager Sergei Kharkov and veteran Valentina Mogilya are expected to emerge from the shadow of their more illustrious compatriots at the men's European Gymnastics Championships this weekend.

Lendl sails into quarterfinals

Agassi stretched to the limit



Lendl keeps his eye on the ball as he makes a return to Arrese. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEW YORK, May 5: Top seed Ivan Lendl served powerfully and made nearly every trip to the net count on his way to a place in the quarterfinals of the \$602,500 Tournament of Champions yesterday.

The Czechoslovak world number one defeated 16th-seeded Spaniard Jordi Arrese 6-3, 6-2 with a much more consistent effort on the Forest Hills stadium court than in his opening match on Wednesday.

By contrast, third seed Andre Agassi, the defending champion, barely survived an enthralling battle of power hitters with fellow American Jim Courier, the 14th seed.

Agassi, who needed three sets to take his opening match on Wednesday night, fought for just over two hours before squeaking into the quarterfinals with a 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory.

"I'd rather get blown out than lose a heartbreaker like that," said the 55-ranked Courier, who like the fifth-ranked Agassi owns a rocket forehand.

"He's stronger than me, that's why it's tough. I've got to win with my head," Agassi said.

Agassi, who constantly went for winners with mixed results, was broken while serving for the match at 5-4 but returned the favour in the next game to go 6-5 up.

Courier, who put up a valiant struggle in the match that could have gone either way, saved two match points before returning an Agassi serve wide on the third.

In the quarterfinals Agassi faces sixth seed Aaron Krickstein who won in straight sets over 11th-seeded Brazilian Luiz Mattar.

In another third-round encounter, rising American star Michael Chang, seeded eighth, eliminated 1987 champion Andres Gomez of Ecuador, the ninth seed, 6-3, 7-6.

The 17-year-old Chang should have an easier time in the quarterfinals where he meets 15th seed Marcelo Filippini of Uruguay. Filippini needed three sets to beat Italian Francesco Cancellotti, Wednesday's conqueror of second seed Mats Wilander.

Lendl dictated the tempo of play throughout his match.

He scored on 17 of 22 approaches to net, blasted nine aces and 10 service winners and broke Arrese twice in each set.

Lendl closed out the match by winning 12 consecutive points.

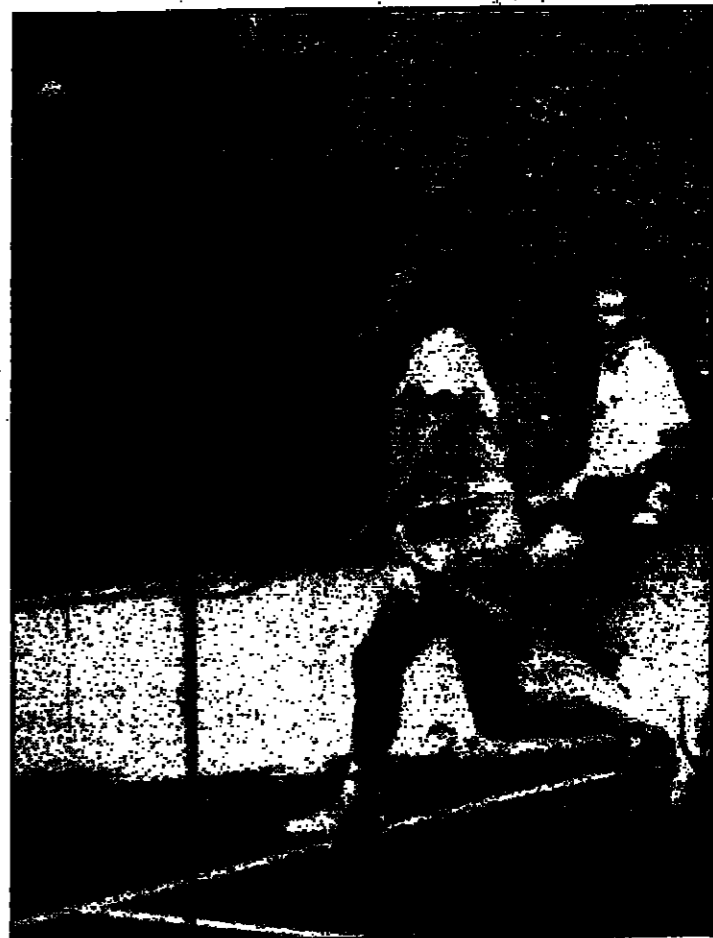
"I think it was a great match for me. He's a good clay court player," Lendl said of Arrese, ranked 67 in the world.

"I was forced to play clay court tennis today," he said.

Lendl will next play seventh-seeded American Brad Gilbert, who reached the quarterfinals with a 7-6, 6-3 win over 10th-seeded Yugoslav Slobodan Zivonjovic, last year's losing finalist.

Wilander went through the motions on stadium court on Wednesday as he was crushed by 86-ranked Francesco Cancellotti of Italy 6-1, 6-3 in a second round match. And Wilander only reached the second round by virtue of a first round bye.

Earlier on Wednesday, fifth seed Yannick Noah of France injured a tendon in his right foot and was forced to retire from his second-round match with Jaime Yzaga of Peru.



President Bush (left) prepares to make a forehand return as Borg looks on. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bush takes time out to play tennis with Borg

WASHINGTON, May 5, (AP): US President George Bush took a break from a tightly scheduled potpourri of meetings Wednesday for an afternoon tennis game with pro Bjorn Borg and two other Swedes.

Bush and Borg teamed up against Swedish ambassador Wilhelm Wachtmeister and Ove Benstson, a former Davis Cup champion, in a doubles match on the White House court.

The President, dressed in white shorts and shirt with a yellow vest, energetically raced across the court and bounced back and forth to the net.

He apologized for his bad shots and hit his share of good ones. One shot into the net produced a particular grimace from the President and an expletive between clenched teeth. "Sorry," he said quickly.

But Bush's serve failed him in the first set. He double faulted to lose the game point. With that, the small group of reporters and camera crews on hand to observe were escorted back to the White House press quarters. The score at that point was 2-1, in favour of the President's team.

Lanner routs Pinero

CHEPSTOW, England, May 5, (Reuters): Mats Lanner of Sweden crushed Spaniard Manuel Pinero 8 and 6 in the opening round of the European Match-play Golf Championship yesterday, sparking immediate hopes of a Ryder Cup call-up this year.

Lanner, the European match-play champion two years ago, birdied seven of the first eight holes and secured his runaway triumph when Pinero decided on the 12th green that he had had enough.

The Swede, 28 on Wednesday, celebrated by a single-putting the first eight greens, five of them from between 10 and 25 feet, to leave his rival shattered, bewildered and out of the tournament.

"I thought the recipe for match-play was to play steadily and consistently," said Pinero, who parred the first eight holes.

"I was doing all the right things. But every time he looked at a putt, it went in. What can you do?"

Lanner, who had some luck bouncing his drive off a tree back on to the fairway at the eighth, needed just 28 strokes to cover the front nine of the 6,859-yard St Pierre layout just over the Severn Bridge from England.

"I never expected to keep it going for so long," he said later.

Teammates Ove Selberg and Anders Forsbrand, however, fell at the first hurdle on Thursday, going out 3 and 1 and 3 and 2 to Britons Ken Brown and Gordon J. Brand respectively.

The team to play the United States at the Belfry from September 22-24 will be named after the German Open on August 27.

In another decisive first round victory Tony Johnstone of Zimbabwe beat Englishman David Whelan 5 and 3.

And in a battle between two British Ryder Cup team-mates, Howard Clark beat Sam Torrance by one hole.

Sabatini tipped to win Italian Open

ROME, May 15, (AP): Defections by some of the world's top players will put the spotlight on Gabriela Sabatini and emerging teen-age talent when the \$300,000 Italian Open women's tennis championship opens Monday.

World's No. 1 ranked Steffi Graf did not enter the clay court classic for the second year in a row while Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert have both dropped out, making Sabatini the clear favourite.

The \$1 million men's event begins May 15 with the field headed by Mats Wilander, Andre Agassi and John McEnroe.

Organizers recently announced that a long-promised expansion of the tree-shaded Foro Italico complex has begun, with two new courts ready for this year's event. And prize money in men's and women's events has been boosted.

But they have been unable to overcome the tournament's notoriety for its rowdy fans, which in part led to the defection of men's defending champion Ivan Lendl, or lure players signing up in other events as tuneups for the French Open, a Grand Slam event also played on clay beginning in late May.

Sabatini, with her dark looks and Italian surname, is a favourite of the centre court fans in Rome, where she was losing finalist in 1987 and champion last year, defeating Helen Kelesi of Canada.

The Argentinian, ranked third in the world, seems poised to move up if she can overcome inconsistency. She has beaten Evert, Navratilova and Graf this year.

The American veterans will be missing here. Navratilova has said she'll skip all European clay court tournaments this year while Evert, who for some time has hinted at retirement, says she has been playing too much and feels exhausted.

With the field at the top thinned, the tournament shapes up as a battle in the 56-player draw among such athletes as Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria, Stephanie Rehe of the United States, Canada's Kestel and Arantxa Sanchez of Spain.

Sabatini, who turns 19 this month, has a game perfectly suited to the slow red clay courts although she has been working on her net game and especially her service.

One player to watch is Monica Seles, a 15-year-old Yugoslav left-hander, who won her first professional tournament last weekend, upsetting Evert in the Virginia Slims of Houston.

Seles has been trained in Florida by Nick Bollettieri and features a two-fisted backhand.

"Seles has the possibility of really aiming high both because of her technical and competitive qualities as well as her spirited personality, which helps in tennis," said Rino Tommasi in the Italian sports daily La Gazzetta dello Sport.

The men's event opens the day after the women's final and will be missing the defending champion and world's No. 1 player Ivan Lendl, who last year complained bitterly about the crowd's behaviour, the weight of the balls and the pollen in the spring Rome air.

In addition to Wilander of Sweden and Americans Agassi and McEnroe, the 64-player draw includes Kent Carlsson, American veteran Jimmy Connors returning to Rome after a long absence and Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia.

Like the women's event, the men's championship features an emerging star, hard-hitting Alberto Mancini of Argentina.

Jagerman makes Graf work hard for quarterfinals

HAMBURG, West Germany, May 5, (Reuters): Unseeded Nicole Jagerman of the Netherlands made West German world number one Steffi Graf labour hard for a place in the quarterfinals of the Hamburg women's tennis tournament yesterday.

Graf, struggling with her normally devastating forehand, looked in danger of losing the first set but recovered to overcome Jagerman 7-5, 6-1 in a third-round match, her first of the \$200,000 event after a second-round walkover.

Jagerman, who was not expected to provide much opposition, upset Graf early on by varying the speed of the game and not letting the West German dominate. She led 5-4 in the first set before Graf battled back to take it in 48 minutes.

Surprise

The 19-year-old Graf was to meet Australian Rachel McQuillan in this evening's quarterfinals.

Unseeded McQuillan has been the surprise package of the tournament so far. She upset number five seed Sandra Cecchini of Italy 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 yesterday.

Brazilian teenager Andrea Vieira, who knocked out Czechoslovak number two seed Helena Sukova in the second round, ran out of steam against Sukova's compatriot Radka Zrubakova, losing 6-1, 6-4.

Bulgarian third seed Manuela Maleeva also went down 7-5, 6-3 to Argentine Bettina Fulco.



Botham: four for 53

Botham shines for Worcester

LONDON, May 5, (Reuters): Ian Botham came a step nearer England selection yesterday, recording his best bowling figures since December 1986 on a day when batsmen suffered in the county championship.

The Worcestershire all-rounder finished the day with four for 53 as Lancashire were hurried out for 171.

Worcestershire, champions last season, struggled in response, however, with Botham, who has yet to find form with the bat, making 17 of their 123 for five.

Botham's produced his previous best figures—five for 41—against Australia at Melbourne and would welcome the chance to repeat his feat during the Australian Test series in England this summer.

England bowler and Worcester team-mate Graham Dilley also shone, taking three for 41. Lancashire collapsed to 117 for eight before Warren Hegg, 31 not out and Phil de Freitas, 26, put on 45 in eight overs.

At Headingly, 23 wickets fell for 239 runs as Yorkshire collapsed for 92, only to dismiss Nottinghamshire for 86 in humid conditions which offered plenty of movement through the air.

West Indian all-rounder Franklin Stephenson claimed career-best figures of seven for 38 for Nottinghamshire, while Ian Priestly, a newcomer to first-class cricket called up because of injury in the Yorkshire side, took

four for 27 and a fine slip catch. Yorkshire finished 67 runs ahead with seven second innings wickets standing.

Fast bowler Greg Thomas of Northamptonshire also took a career-best six for 53 against Leicestershire, who needed a reviving, unbeaten 92 from James Whitaker to reach 208.

This looked a useful score when Northamptonshire tumbled to 132 for six.

Don Topley did the damage for Essex, taking five for 30 in Derbyshire's 113. The meagre total was swiftly overtaken by Graham Gooch and John Stephenson who produced an unbroken double-century opening stand for Essex.

West Indies defeat India by seven wickets

Richards admits blame for crowd trouble



Viv Richards

KINGSTON, May 5, (Reuters): West Indies took 48 minutes to score the further 27 runs needed to win the fourth and final cricket Test against India at Sabina Park on Wednesday and take the series 3-0.

They lost Richie Richardson and Des Haynes in doing so but with only 58 runs required for victory when they embarked on their second innings on Tuesday, victory was never really in doubt. They finished on 60 for three to win by seven wickets.

Kapil Dev and Ravi Shastri provided a combination of pace and spin when play resumed with West Indies on 31 for one. Both bowled tightly as the Indians showed no lack of competitiveness in what was a hopeless situation.

The first boundary of the day did not come until the seventh over when Haynes drove Shastri through extra cover.

When the score reached 50, Richardson was beaten in the flight by Shastri as he danced down the pitch and wicketkeeper Kiran More completed the stumping.

Although Richardson made

only three in 40 minutes, his average for the series was over 88 from seven innings. He was predictably named Man of the Series while Courtney Walsh's 10 wickets for 101 earned him the Man of the Match award.

Haynes pulled Margasahayam Venkataraghavan's first ball for four but was stamped off his second when he, too, was beaten in the flight coming down the pitch.

It was the 23-year-old off-spinner's first Test wicket after figures of none for 48 in the first innings on his debut. Haynes made 35.

Gus Logie ended the match in decisive fashion when from his second ball he hoisted Venkataraghavan high over long-on for six.

West Indies have not lost a series in the Caribbean since the 1972-73 Australians, under Ian Chappell, beat them 2-0. The last time they lost a series was against New Zealand in 1980.

Meanwhile, Viv Richards admitted blame on Wednesday for the crowd trouble which held up play for 25 minutes on the third day.

"I would like to think that whenever Viv Richards has done something wrong that I'm man enough to stand up and be counted," the West Indies captain said.

A dim view was taken of Richards' pointing his bat at Indian wicketkeeper More after his appeal for a catch behind was eventually upheld.

Television replays showed that Richards had not touched the ball, which hit his right pad on the way through to More.

Spectators pelted the pitch with bottles and cans in an angry protest which brought play to a halt.

Indian manager Srinivas Venkataraghavan criticised the umpiring during the series.

"It has not been up to the mark. There have been instances in the series when the course of a match would have changed had a particular decision been given in our favour," Venkataraghavan said.

"I would say that the umpiring went against us most of the time and that it would have been definitely a much closer series with better umpires. Some

crucial decisions went against us."

Venkataraghavan also attacked the pitches used for the third and fourth Test in Trinidad and Jamaica which he described as "sub-standard."

Scoreboard

INDIA first innings 289 (N. Sidhu 116, C. Walsh six for 62)
WEST INDIES first innings 384 (R. Richardson 156, V. Richards 110, Kapil Dev six for 84)
INDIA second innings 152 (C. Walsh four for 38, I. Vishop four for 61)
WEST INDIES second innings (overnight 31 for one)
G. Greenidge c More b Kapil Dev, 12
Haynes at More b Venkataraghavan 35
R. Richardson at More b Shastri, 3
K. Artherton not out, 0
A. Logie not out, 6
Extras (lb-3, nb-1), 4
Total (for three wickets), 60
Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-60, 3-64
Bowling: Kapil Dev 9-2-22-1, C. Sharma 2-0-16-0, Shastri 7-2-9-1, Venkataraghavan 0-4-0-10-1.
Result: West Indies won by seven wickets.

First Test: match drawn.

Second Test: West Indies won by eight wickets.

Third Test: West Indies won by 217 runs.

Australia start England tour

Australian cricketer Merv Hughes suffers for his sport as he is put through his paces during team training at Lord's on Thursday before the start of the Australian tour. The Aussies, led by Allan Border, started their England tour with a match against League Cricket Conference in West Bromwich yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Liverpool lose valuable ground in title race

LONDON, May 5, (Reuters): Liverpool, playing their first English League soccer match since the Hillsborough disaster 18 days ago, lost valuable ground in defence of their title when they were held 0-0 at city rivals Everton on Wednesday.

The result leaves them five points behind leaders Arsenal with a game in hand although of Liverpool's five remaining matches, four are at home.

It was another emotional night for the 46,000 supporters and players of both

teams.

They observed a minute's silence before the game in memory of the 95 people who died at the Sheffield Wednesday ground last month at Liverpool's F.A. Cup semifinal against Nottingham Forest.

A half-time 10 Liverpool supporters walked onto the pitch bearing 95 linked scarves in the colours of both clubs.

Liverpool had the best of a nervous first half, but it was a closer contest in the second and goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar

had to make two important saves as Everton pressed hard.

Nottingham Forest, with two Wembley Cup triumphs already behind them this season, returned to League action with a 4-1 success over Millwall and moved into third place, four points behind Liverpool but nine behind Arsenal.

It was Forest's sixth successive victory in which they have bagged a total of 20 goals, hitting four in each of the last three matches.

Millwall, in contrast, have now lost their last four League games, conceding 14 goals on the way.

At the other end of the table, Newcastle, playing in front of their lowest crowd of the season, 14,202 lost 2-1 to bottom-of-the-table West Ham and were relegated to the Second Division.

West Ham stay bottom but with five games left still have an outside chance of escaping the drop.

Careca rescues Napoli from draw

Stuttgart lose after taking lead

NAPLES, Italy, May 5, (Reuters): A late goal from Brazilian Careca earned Napoli a 2-1 win over VfB Stuttgart in the first leg of the UEFA Cup soccer final on Wednesday.

The South American striker found space to twist in a crowded area and almost fumble the ball in with three minutes to go.

A spectacular long shot from Stuttgart's Maurizio Gaudino put the West Germans 1-0 up after 17 minutes and Napoli had to wait until a 68th-minute penalty from Argentine star Diego Maradona before pulling level.

Napoli, playing like Stuttgart in their first European club final, piled on relentless pressure in the second half but lacked the flair and fortune to convert their chances into goals.

Stuttgart, the pre-match underdogs, left the Napoli attack almost no room in the first half with Maradona virtually marked out of the game by Juergen Hartmann and Careca cramped by defender Guido Buchwald.

And they showed their danger on the break when libero Karl Allgoewer ran almost the length of the pitch to be brought down by Luca Fusi on the edge of the Napoli area.

Icelandic Asgeir Sigurvinsson laid the free kick back for an unmarked Gaudino to shoot clean through the Napoli defence from 30 metres for a vital away goal.

The goal from the 23-year-old striker, son of Naples emigrants to West Germany, shocked 80,000 Napoli fans into silence and threatened to turn the soccer-mad city's planned celebrations of victory into a wake.

Napoli, with midfielder

Masimo Crippa substituting for defender Giancarlo Corradini, found the space and spirit in the second half to put Stuttgart on the defensive. But poor finishing and keeper Eike Immel repeatedly thwarted their search for the equaliser.

Careca, striker Andrea Carnevale and Fusi were all denied by Immel before Greek referee Makis Germanakos ruled handball when Maradona attempted a shot inside the area.

The Argentine World Cup star made no mistake in converting the penalty, directing his shot low and hard to the right of Immel.

Careca's goal restored Napoli's hopes for the May 17 second leg in West Germany against a team that pride themselves on being stronger away from home.

It also kept alive Italy's bid for a sweep of European soccer honours with AC Milan in the European Cup final and Sampdoria bidding for the Cup Winners' Cup.

Buchwald will miss the return leg after his second booking of the competition for a foul on Careca though Stuttgart's star international striker, Juergen Klinsmann, will return from the suspension that kept him out on Wednesday.

Napoli manager Ottavio Bianchi was critical of his team's shaky start, but also acknowledged Stuttgart's ability to leave Maradona, deadly when given room, such limited space in the first half.

"We got off to a rotten start and then when they scored we panicked and got too excited," he said.



Careca (right) and Stuttgart's Schroeder (left) go for the ball while Katanek looks on. (Reuters wirephoto)

Johnson developed breasts from steroid use: doctor

TORONTO, May 5, (Reuters): Ben Johnson developed enlarged breasts in late 1987, weeks after setting the world 100-metre sprint record, a doctor told a Canadian inquiry into banned substances in sport yesterday.

Dr Jack Sussman, who treated Johnson from 1979 until last year, said the athlete came to him on October 13, 1987, complaining of a tender left breast that had been bothering him for three weeks.

During this time, according to earlier evidence, Johnson was on an intensive steroid and training programme administered by Dr George Mario (Jamie) Astaphan, unofficial Canadian sprint doctor, and coach Charlie Francis.

Johnson set the world record of 9.83 seconds in Rome less than six weeks before the visit to Sussman. A coach testified on Tuesday how Astaphan had boasted he had given Johnson "something extra" to set the record, which still stands.

Johnson was stripped of his 100-metre Olympic gold medal and his world record time after testing positive for the steroid stanozolol at Seoul last year. The scandal sparked the Canadian inquiry, now in its 45th day of evidence.

Sussman said he examined Johnson and established that he had a gynecomastia in the left breast, a medical term for the over-development of breast tissue.

"I specifically asked him if he was taking any steroid drugs," Sussman said. "I was a little embarrassed about asking him this, but I explained ... that this side-effect is very commonly associated with steroid drugs. I emphasised this to him, but he still denied taking steroids."

In the absence of medication, Sussman said he suspected a tumour and referred Johnson to a plastic surgeon. He also ordered hormone tests but they did not reveal any abnormal level of testosterone in Johnson's system.

Nine weeks later, Johnson returned to the clinic. The athlete said he had not seen a plastic surgeon because the enlarged breast had been receding. Sussman examined Johnson and confirmed this.

The doctor recounted another visit, in May last year, when Johnson asked him for syringes to inject vitamins as his coach, who usually administered them, was out of town.

"The explanation he gave seemed reasonable at the time," Sussman said. "I knew from before that he was on vitamin injections. I didn't suspect that it for steroid injections."

Bulls blast Cavaliers for 2-1 lead

NEW YORK, May 5, (AP): Michael Jordan scored 44 points, including four clutch free throws in the final seconds, leading the Chicago Bulls to a 101-94 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers Wednesday night and a 2-1 lead in their best-of-5 playoff series.

The Bulls could advance to the next round against New York with a victory in Chicago stadium this evening.

Jordan scored 15 points in the first seven minutes of the third quarter and the Bulls held leads of 22 points in the first half and 16 in the second half, but had to fight a late surge by the Cavaliers.

John Williams, scoring 16 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, kept the Cavaliers in the running. Cleveland closed the gap to 91-88 with 2:43 to play, but Jordan converted a three-point play and with 1:04 remaining, he stole the ball and went in for a slam dunk, making it 96-88.

Cleveland then cut the deficit to 97-94, but Jordan's four free throws in the last 21 seconds sealed the verdict.

Larry Nance added 20 points for Cleveland, and no one besides Jordan had more than nine for the Bulls.

In other games Wednesday, Houston defeated Seattle 126-107 and the Los Angeles Lakers beat Portland 116-108.

Rockets 128, Sonics 107

Sleepy Floyd scored 23 of his 28 points in the first half, keeping Houston from playoff elimination with a 126-107 victory over Seattle.

The Supersonics lead the best-of-5 first-round series 2-1, with the fourth game scheduled this evening at the summit. A fifth game, if necessary, would be in Seattle on Sunday.

Floyd, who had six assists and hit a club playoff record three straight 3-point baskets, got the Rockets off to a fast start with 10 first-quarter points as Houston used an 11-0 spurt to take control. Houston led 31-20 after one quarter and the Rockets went on to lead 63-47 at the half as Floyd scored 12 more points in the second period.

Dale Ellis, playing despite a broken nose that forced him to wear a protective brace, led Seattle with 26 points.

Chinese double lead

INDIANAPOLIS, May 5, (UPI): Xu Yanmei led qualifiers for the 10-metre platform finals and China doubled its lead over the defending champion American team yesterday at the FINA World Diving Cup.

The Chinese, ahead by 9 points after the opening day of competition, took a 387-369 lead entering team finals today at Indiana University Natatorium, where the meet continues through Sunday.

Top divers in team events advance to individual men's and women's finals this weekend on 10-metre platform and 1- and 3-metre springboard.

Tan Liangde, silver medalist in the past two Olympics, won the 3-metre springboard qualifier with 640.98 points, giving the Chinese and US men 191 points each. China's women have a 196-178 advantage over their American counterparts.

Yanmei and bronze medalist Wendy Williams of Miami led qualifiers for the platform finals tomorrow. Yanmei scored 270.27 points in four semifinal dives with Williams next at 257.79.

Chinese divers took first and second place in the women's 1-metre team event, with Yu Xiaoling scoring 481.98 points and Gao Min, the 1988 Olympic springboard gold medalist, second at 468.24.

"I did well on two dives but not well on the other three," Gao said through a translator. "I'm very confident I can do better in the final."

Chinese divers have sacrificed things Americans take for granted to attain success. Gao lives with another diver at a sports academy in Beijing. Her day is filled by schoolwork, training and meals.

Chinese breaks world record

TOKYO, May 5, (AP): China's Li Huihong beat her own world women's triple jump record of 14.16 metres (46 feet, 5 1/2 inches) Wednesday with a leap of 14.25 metres (46 feet, 9 inches), but because of a tail wind, it won't go into the record books, officials said.

Li leaped in a tail wind of 9.7 kilometres (6 miles) an hour. A jump aided by a tail wind of more than 7.2 kilometres (4.5 miles) an hour is not recognised as a record, said the officials of the Mikio Oda Memorial track and field meet in Hiroshima, western Japan.

Li set the world record in 1988, they said.

American Sheila Hudson jumped 14.01 metres (45 feet, 11 1/2 inches) and finished second.

Stoute lays Guineas hoodoo to rest

NEWMARKET, England, May 5, (Reuters): Trainer Michael Stoute laid his 1,000 Guineas hoodoo firmly to rest yesterday when he saddled both first and second finishers in the first English classic of the horse racing season.

Musical Bliss (7-2) won the race by three-quarters of a length from stablemate Kerrera, with 20-1 outsider Aldbourne another length away from third place.

The result in the seven-runner field was also a triumph for Sheikh Mohammed of Dubai who owned not only the first two home but also the fourth horse, Enconose, the 7-4 favourite.

The 1,000 Guineas has been a particularly unlucky

race for Stoute who in the last 11 years has trained the runner-up on six occasions.

But yesterday his runners did him proud. None of the fillies wanted to make the pace in the one mile race but eventually Walter Swinburn on Musical Bliss took up the running from Aldbourne ridden by Paul Hamblett and the well-fancied Pass The Peace with Kerrera and Enconose towards the rear.

The order remained the same until the final two furlongs where Kerrera, ridden by champion jockey Pat Eddery mounted her challenge.

But Musical Bliss, having her first run of the season and only the third of her career,

was not to be denied. The filly responded to all Swinburn's efforts and in the end held on for a comfortable victory.

"I've got the Guineas runner-up for the seventh time but this time I've got the winner as well," Stoute, 43, joked after the race.

"It was brave of Walter to take up the running and it just goes to prove what a top jockey he is by reacting to the situation so well," he added.

A beaming Swinburn said he had been concerned early on because Musical Bliss became excited in the stalls.

"But she relaxed in front and when I gave her a smack she just went," the 27-year-old jockey said.

Senna and Prost dominate again

Mansell third quickest in Monaco practice

MONTE CARLO, May 5, (Reuters): World champion Ayrton Senna fought off the persistent challenge of his McLaren team-mate and great rival Alain Prost yesterday to claim the provisional pole position for Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix motor race.

The Brazilian, seeking the 32nd pole position of his career, clocked a fastest time of one minute 24.126 seconds to finish the opening qualifying session half a second ahead of the Frenchman.

Senna's time was more than 1.2 seconds quicker than that of Briton Nigel Mansell, who was third-quickest in the sole Ferrari entered for the race.

The Italian team decided not to enter a replacement for Austrian Gerhard Berger whose car crashed and burst into flames at last month's San Marino Grand Prix.



Senna speeds in Monaco casino to clock the best time. (Reuters wirephoto)

On a day of bright sunshine, Mansell set the early qualifying pace with a lap of 1:25.363 before either of the two Honda-powered McLaren drivers had ventured onto the twisting street circuit.

Once they began lapping 20 minutes into the session, however, the McLaren duo quickly gained the ascendancy over the rest of the field with a succession of fast times.

Each enjoyed brief spells at the top of the timings before Senna clocked his grid position at a circuit where grid positions are of paramount importance to the race result because of the limited overtaking opportunities.

Prost, who had a private row with Senna after the San Marino race two weeks ago, made a storming effort to regain provisional pole but careered off into a escape lane.

Prost said he had gearbox problems and had completely lost second gear when he ran straight on at St. Devote Corner, but remained confident of being able to take pole from his team-mate in tomorrow's final qualifying session.

"The gearbox was my only problem," he said. "But I am sure I can take pole — and if I cannot, I am very happy to be on the front row of the grid at least."

Whoever is on the first row can win here.

"With a good clear run and more rubber on the track tomorrow, I should be able to improve by a second."

The Frenchman said his row with Senna following the San Marino Grand Prix had been about a broken agreement.

"We had made our agreement and he broke it and that is very bad. But it is over now... I don't know if I will make any more drivers' agreements with him."

The McLaren pair may have settled their private feud off the track but there was little sign of any renewed friendship on it des-

pite team chief Ron Dennis' declaration that Senna had apologised to Prost at a test session in Wales last week.

Senna said: "I had a little bit of a problem with traffic, but that is normal at Monaco and everybody has to live with it."

Mansell said his Ferrari was down on power compared to the McLarens, but improving. He said: "I pushed as hard as I could, but I could not match them. There was a two seconds gap in Imola, but now it is down to one second — so at least we are getting closer."

Mansell was narrowly quicker than Belgian Thierry Boutsen in a Williams-Renault.

Only 28 cars, instead of the usual 30, took part in the session in the absence of the injured Berger — who is in Monaco as a commentator for Austrian television — and Italian Michele Alboreto, who refused to drive his old Tyrrell.

The International Motor Sports Federation (FISA) ruled that Berger's place in qualifying would not be taken by an additional pre-qualifier and the grid for the race will be reduced from 26 to 25.

Alboreto, who expected to be driving the new Tyrrell, was upset when it failed to arrive in time and he was asked to drive the old car in which British team-mate Jonathan Palmer qualified at Imola.

A second new car is expected to arrive in Monaco for Alboreto by tomorrow. Palmer drove the only new car today.

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Giants crush Pirates

NEW YORK, May 5, (AP): Kevin Mitchell hit his Major League-leading 10th homerun of the season yesterday leading the San Francisco Giants past the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-3.

Mitchell, who also leads the majors with 32 runs batted in, hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the third inning off Randy Kramer, 0-1, to snap a 1-1 tie. It was Mitchell's fourth home run in his last three games.

Mike Krukow, 1-0, pitched the first five innings for his first victory since last Aug 18. He allowed home runs to Bobby Bonilla and Glenn Wilson.

Cubs 4, Padres 0
Mike Bielecki pitched a five-hitter and Andre Dawson went 4-for-4, including two triples, to lead Chicago to a 4-0 victory over San Diego and a sweep of their two-game series.

The shutout was the first in the 29-year-old right-hander's Major League career, which began

Cubs blank Padres

with Pittsburgh in 1984. Bielecki, 2-1, walked one and struck out four in recording his first complete game since Sept 13, 1987, and only the third of his Major League career.

Padres started Walt Terrell, 3-3, gave up eight hits, walked one and struck out four six innings. Mets 3, Reds 2

Howard Johnson homered off reliever Rob Dibble with one out in the 10th inning, leading New York past Cincinnati 3-2 for the Mets' ninth victory in their last 11 games.

Dibble, 3-1, replaced Norm Charlton to start the 10th, struck out Mookie Wilson and then allowed Johnson's fifth home run of the season, a drive over the right-field wall.

Randy Myers, 2-1, got the victory with 1 2-3 innings of hitless relief.

Mets starter Ron Darling pitched 8 1-3 innings and allowed six hits and two runs. He left the

game with a slight muscle pull in his left leg.

Astros 5, Expos 4
Bill Doran hit a home run with one out in the 10th inning to give Houston a 5-4 victory over Montreal.

Reliever Joe Hesketh, 3-1, struck out Rafael Ramirez to start the 10th, but Doran hit a 3-2 pitch into the left-field bleachers.

Danny Darwin, 3-1, who pitched a scoreless ninth, got the victory and Dave Smith retired the side in the 10th for his fifth save.

Results

American League	
Cleveland	3
California	3
Milwaukee	3
New York	11
Chicago	5
Chicago	5
San Diego	4
San Francisco	6
Houston	5
New York	3
Atlanta	3
St Louis	12
Kansas City	1
Toronto	2
Minnesota	2
Texas	7
Boston	4
National League	
San Diego	0
Pittsburgh	3
Montreal	4
Cincinnati	2
Philadelphia	0
Los Angeles	0

San Diego lists complaints in America's Cup appeal

NEW YORK, May 5, (Reuters): The San Diego Yacht Club filed its opening brief to a New York appeals court on Wednesday, accusing a lower court judge of misinterpreting the rules in awarding the America's Cup to New Zealand.

San Diego complained that New York Supreme Court judge Carmen Ciparick's decision to order it to forfeit sailing's premier trophy to New Zealand's Mercury Bay Boating Club was too drastic.

The US club also accused Ciparick of erring in ruling that the "Deed of Gift," governing the trophy excluded multi-hulled boats, and of ignoring the regulations of the International Yacht Racing Union.

The appeal will be heard on June 8.

Ciparick handed down her ruling on March 27, ordering San Diego to forfeit the trophy it won last September when its catamaran "Stars and Stripes" skippered by Dennis Conner easily beat the huge monohulled sloop "New Zealand" built by New Zealand merchant banker Michael Fay.

IOC president leaves hospital

BARCELONA, Spain, May 5, (AP): International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch Wednesday left a clinic where he spent six days for treatment of a colon ulcer, a spokeswoman said.

Quiron Clinic spokeswoman Elisabet Cardoner said Samaranch, 68, left the clinic shortly after 3 pm (1300 GMT) and was expected to fly to his IOC office in Lausanne, Switzerland, later in the afternoon.

Samaranch told reporters he is expected to lighten his workload and closely follow a special diet his doctors prescribed.

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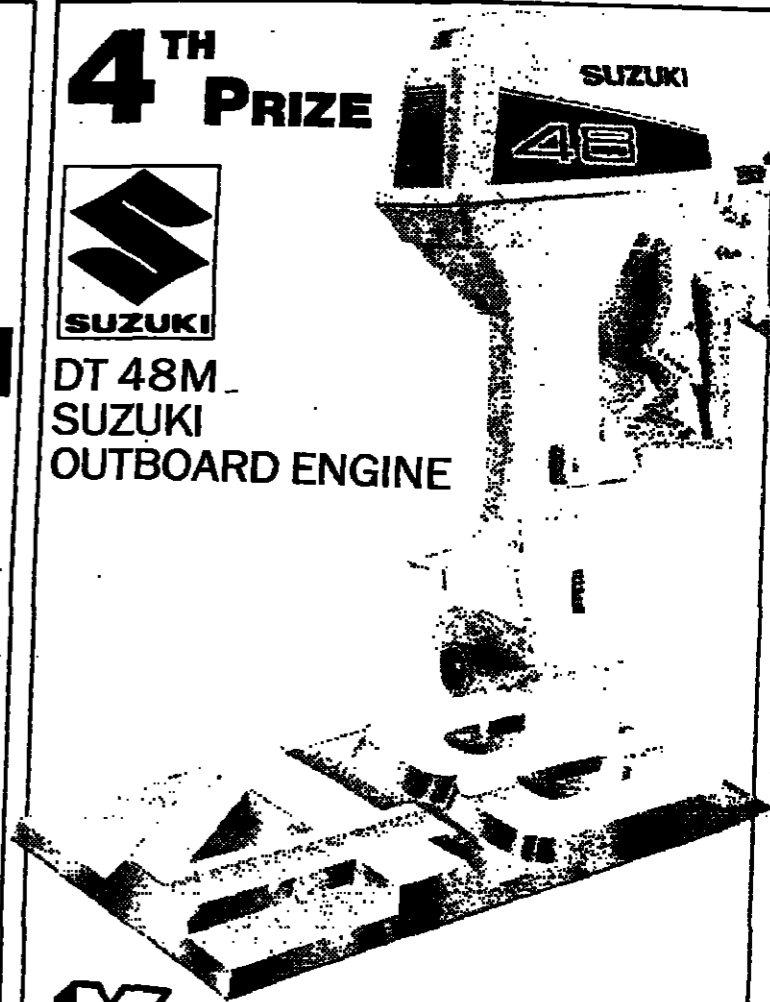
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